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ailé, tourbillonnant, winged, spinning; *animé, ailé*, lively, winged; *appel mystérieux*, mysterious call; *avec éclat*, brilliantly; *avec élan*, with dash; *avec élan lumineux, vibrant*, with luminous, vibrant élan; *avec émotion*, with emotion; *avec entraînement*, with energy; *avec ravissement*, with rapture; *avec ravissement et tendresse*, with rapture and tenderness; *avec trouble*, worried; *avec une ardeur profonde et voilée*, with deep, veiled ardor; *avec une céleste volupté*, with heavenly voluptuousness; *avec une chaleur contenue*, with restrained warmth; *avec une douce ivresse*, with gentle intoxication; *avec une douce langueur de plus en plus éteinte*, with gentle languor that is more and more extinguished; *avec une douceur de plus en plus caressante et empoisonnée*, with a gentleness more and more caressing and poisoned; *avec une joie débordante*, with excessive joy; *avec une joie exaltée*, with exultation; *avec une joie subite*, with sudden joy; *avec une joyeuse exaltation*, with exalted joy; *avec une langueur naissante*, with incipient languor; *avec une sombre majesté*, darkly majestic; *avec une volupté douloureuse*, with painful voluptuousness; *avec une volupté radieuse, extatique*, with radiant, ecstatic voluptuousness; *charmes*, charms; *comme des éclairs*, like flashes of lightning; *concentré*, concentrated; *cristallin*, crystalline; *de plus en plus entraînant, avec enchantement*, more and more alluring, spellbinding; *de plus en plus radieux*, more and more radiant; *de plus en plus sonore et animé*, more and more sonorous and lively; *doux, languissant*, gentle, languishing; *effondrement subit*, sudden collapse; *en délire*, delirious; *en s'éteignant peu à peu*, dying away little by little; *en un vertige*, dizzily; *épanouissement de forces mystérieuses*, unfurling of mysterious powers; *étincelant*, sparkling; *étrange, ailé*, strange, winged;*frémissant, ailé*, trembling, winged;*foudroyant*, thunderous; *fulgurant*, dazzling; *haletant*, breathless; *impérieux*, imper-

ious; *inquiet*, troubled; *joyeux, triomphant*, joyous, triumphant; *la mélodie bien marquée*, melody marcato; *légendaire*, as if reciting a legend; *l'épouvante surgit, elle se mêle a la danse délirante*, horror arises and mingles with the delirious dance; *le rêve prend forme (clarté, douceur, pureté)*, the dream takes shape (brightness, gentleness, purity); *lumineux, vibrant*, luminous, vibrant; *menaçant*, threatening; *modéré*, moderato; *mystérieusement murmuré*, in a mysterious murmur; *mystérieusement sonore*, mysteriously sonorous; *mystérieux, concentré*, mysterious, concentrated; *onde caressante*, caressing wave; *ondoyant*, in waves; *onduleux, insinuant*, undulous, insinuating; *puissant, radieux*, powerful, radiant; *pur, limpide*, pure, limpid; *sombre, mystérieux*, gloomy, mysterious; *souffle mystérieux*, mysterious breath; *tout devient charme et douceur*, becoming all charm and gentleness; *tragique*, tragically; *très animé, ailé*, very lively, winged; *très doux et pur*, very gentle and pure; *très doux, joyeux, étincelant*, very gentle, joyous, sparkling; *très pur, avec douceur*, very pure, gently; *très pur, avec une profonde douceur*, very pure, with profound gentleness; *un peu plus lent*, a little slower; *vol joyeux*, joyous flight.

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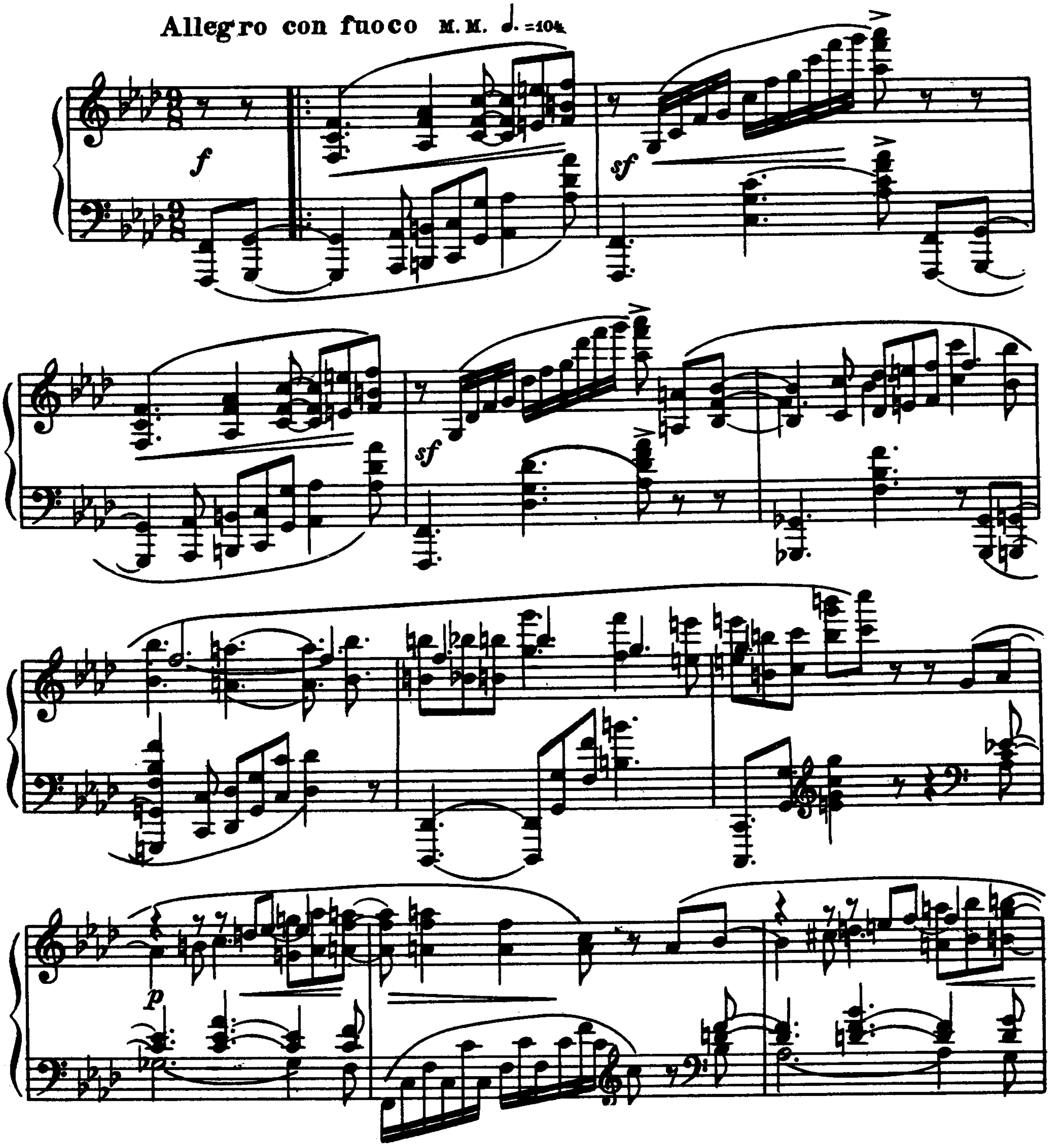
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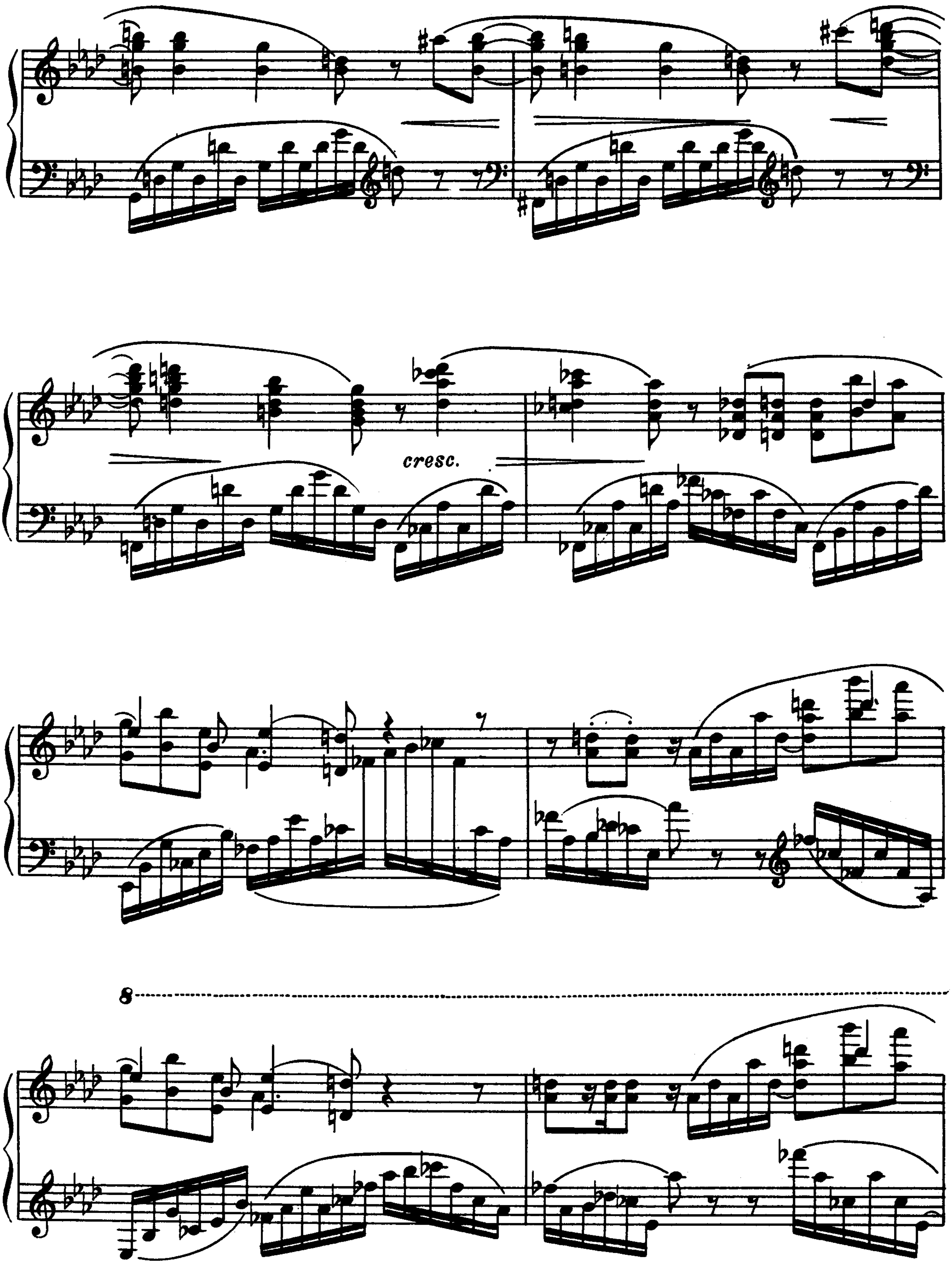
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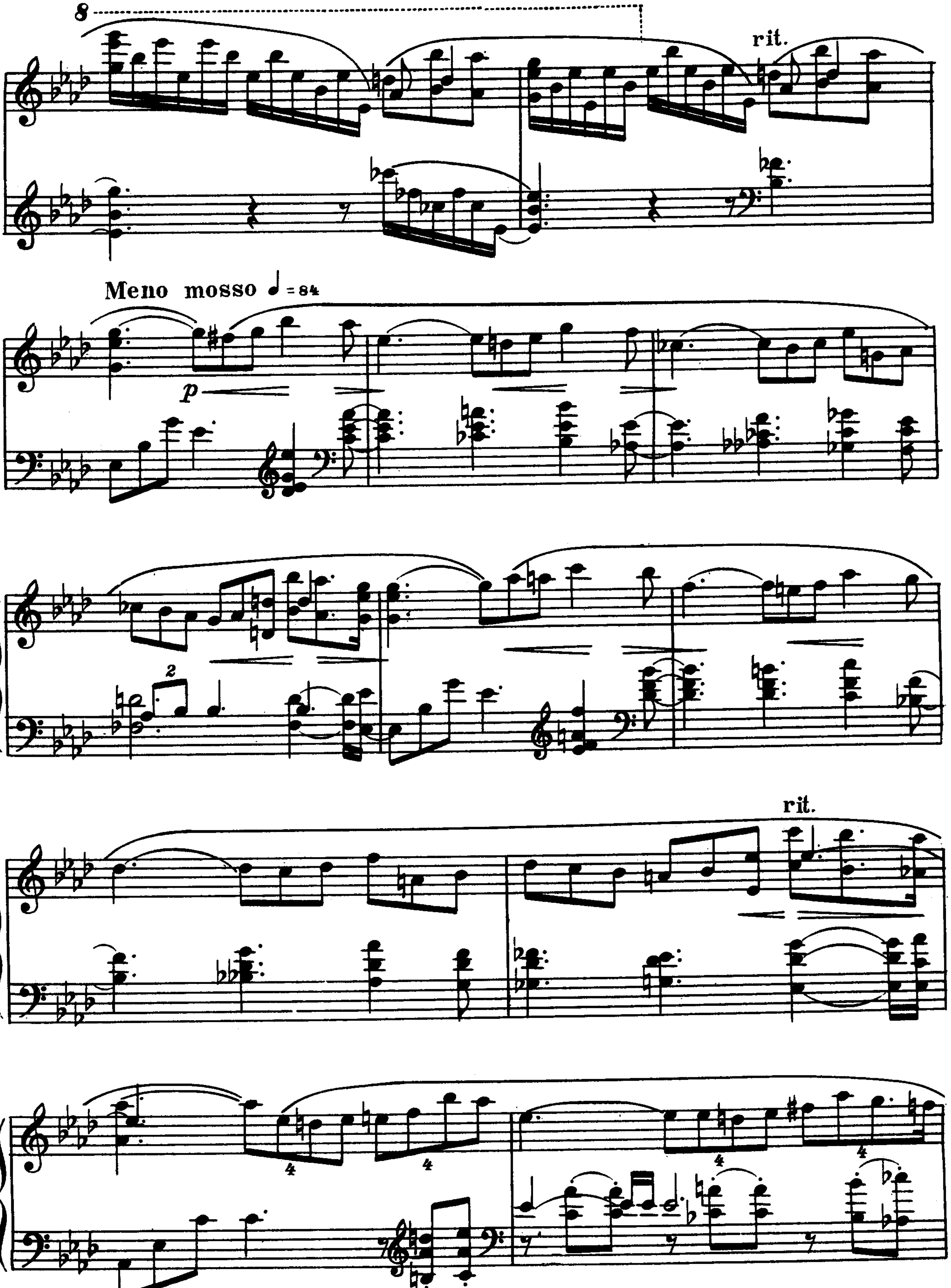
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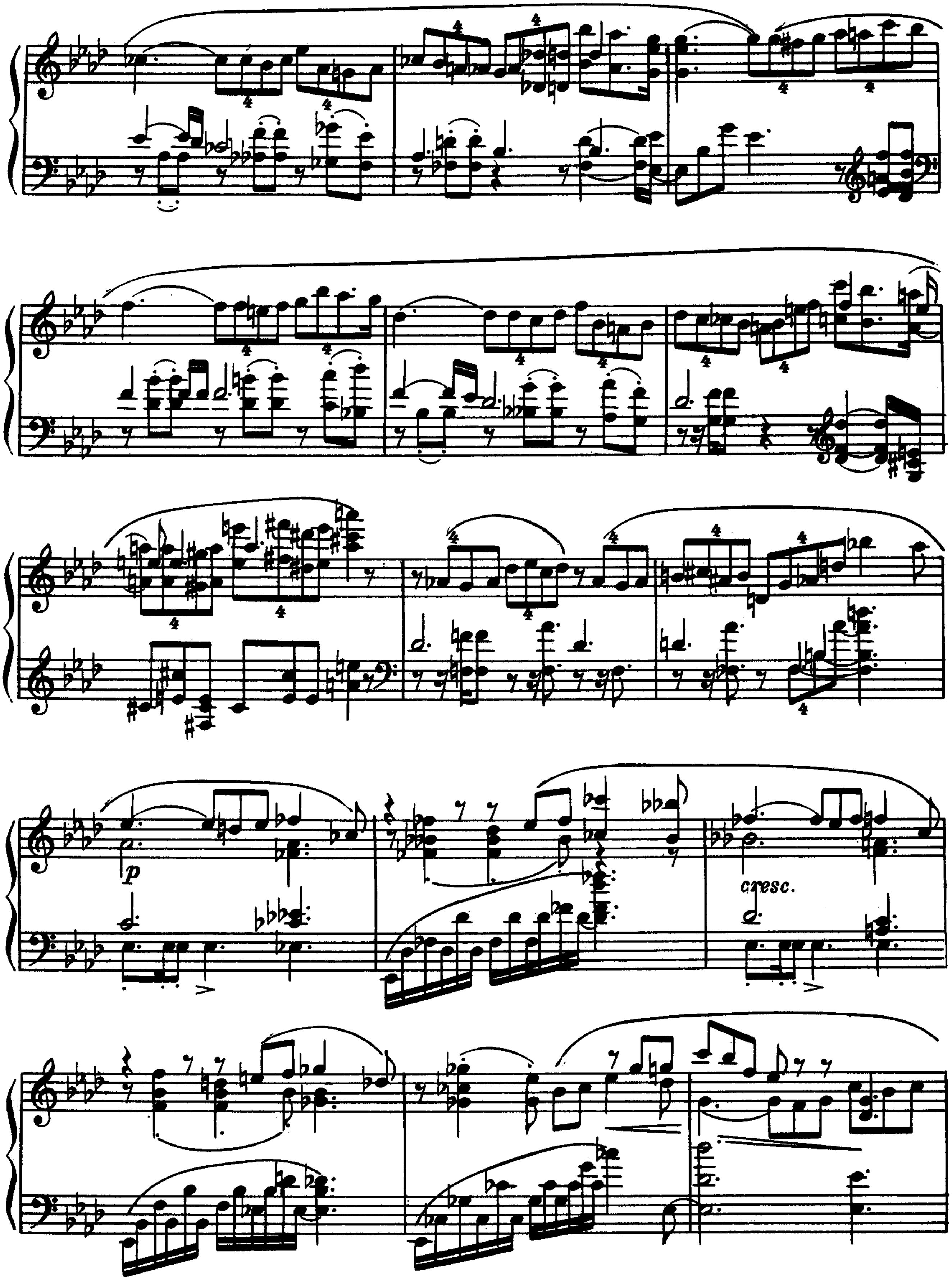
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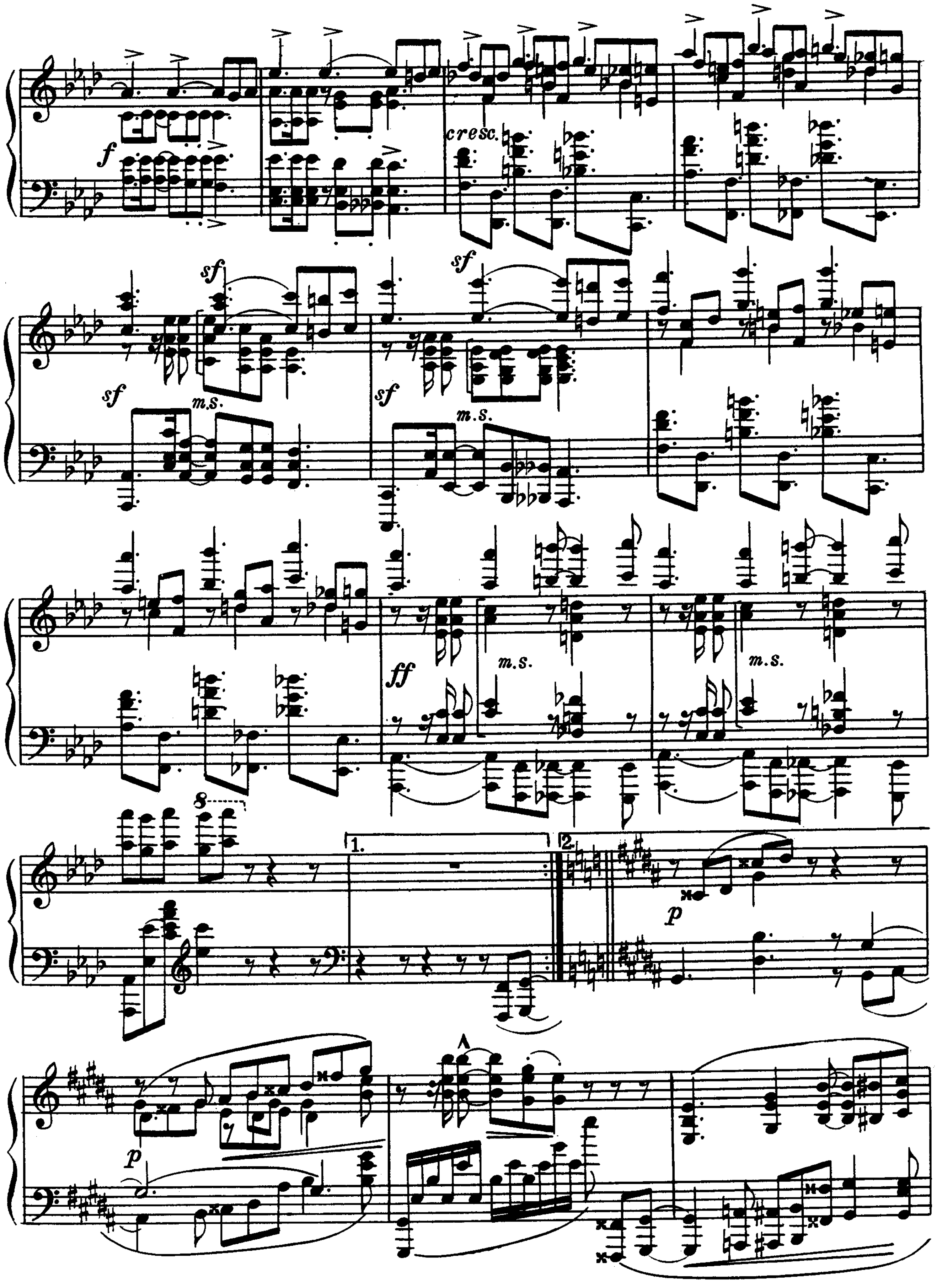
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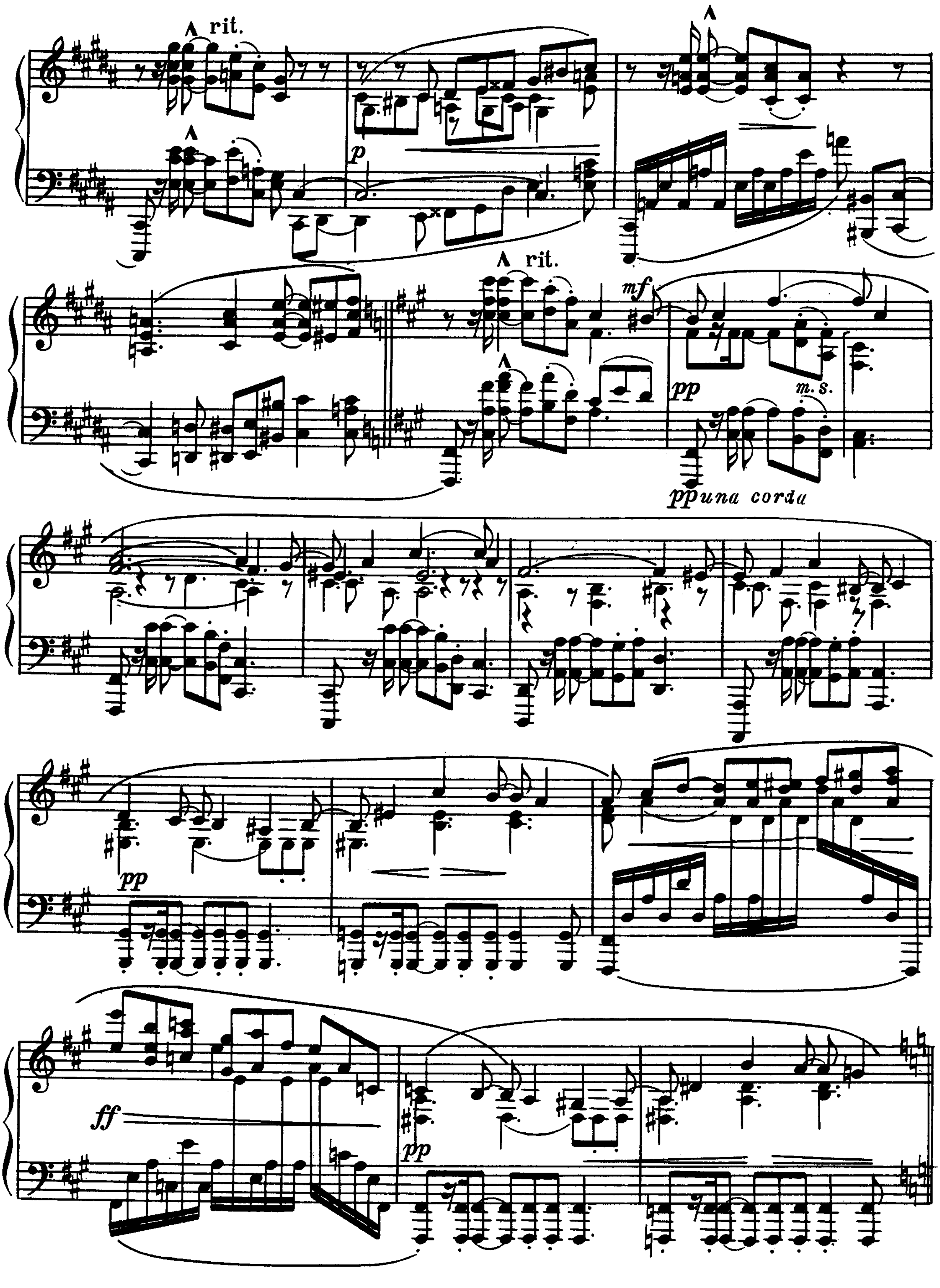
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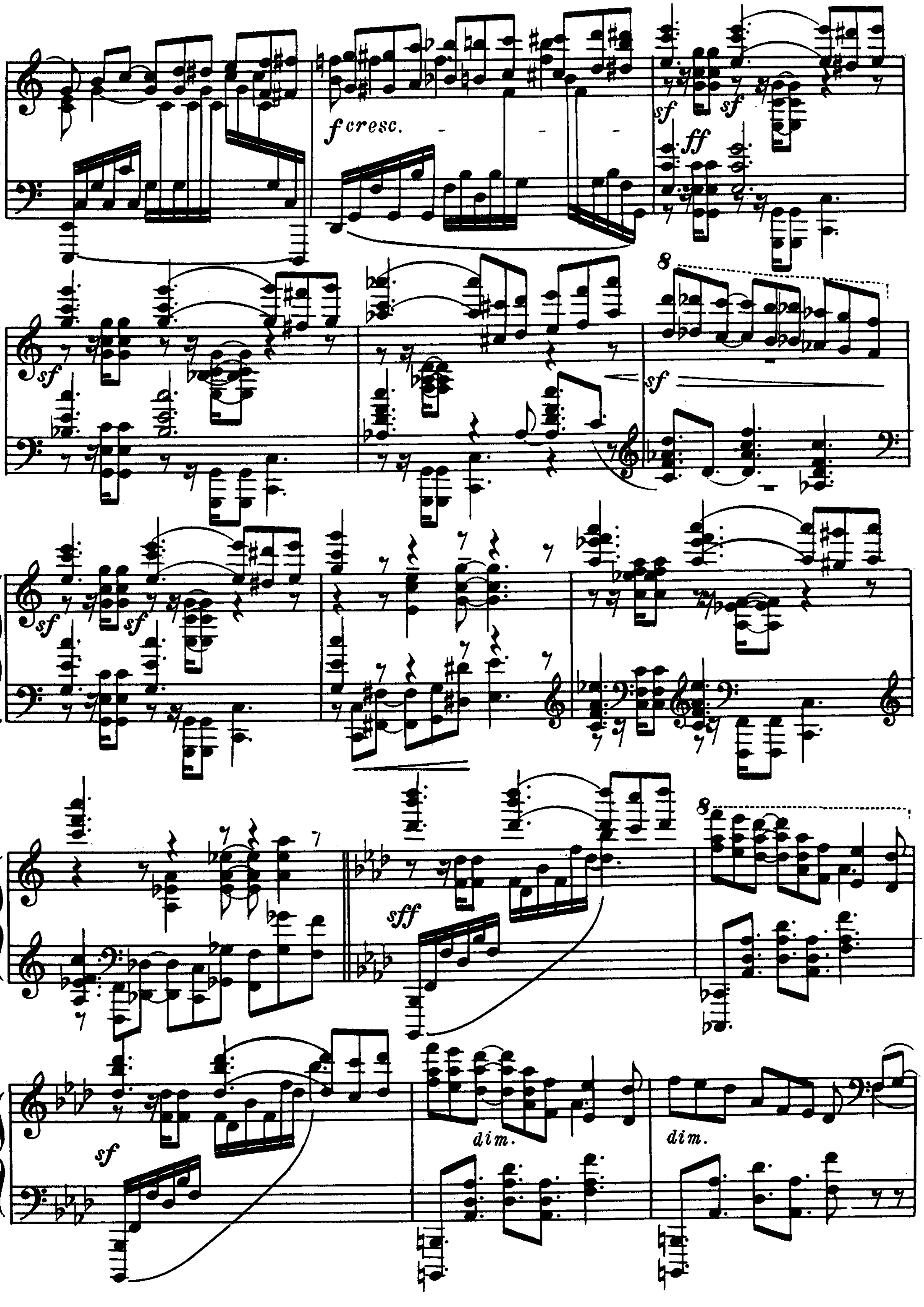
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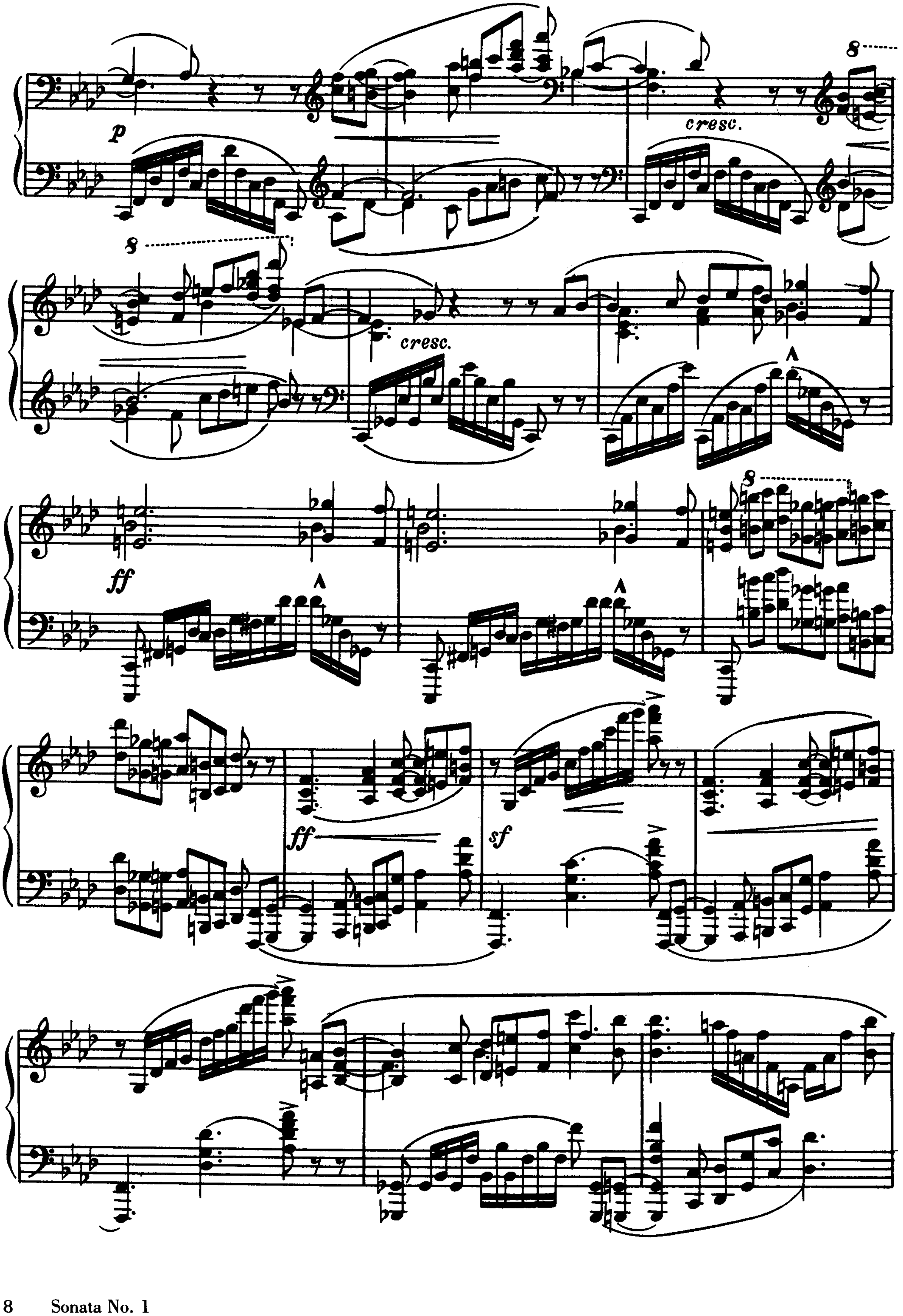
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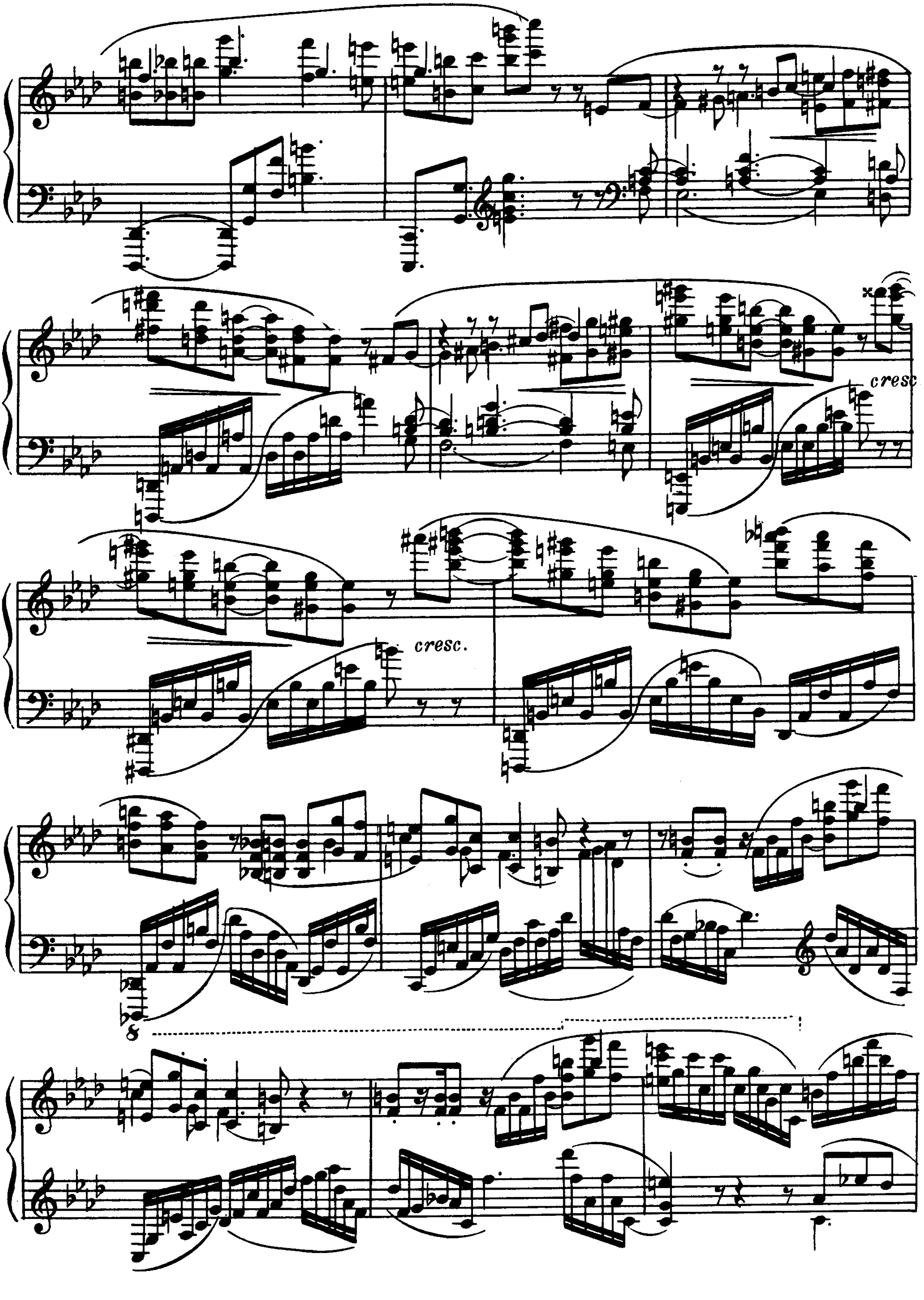
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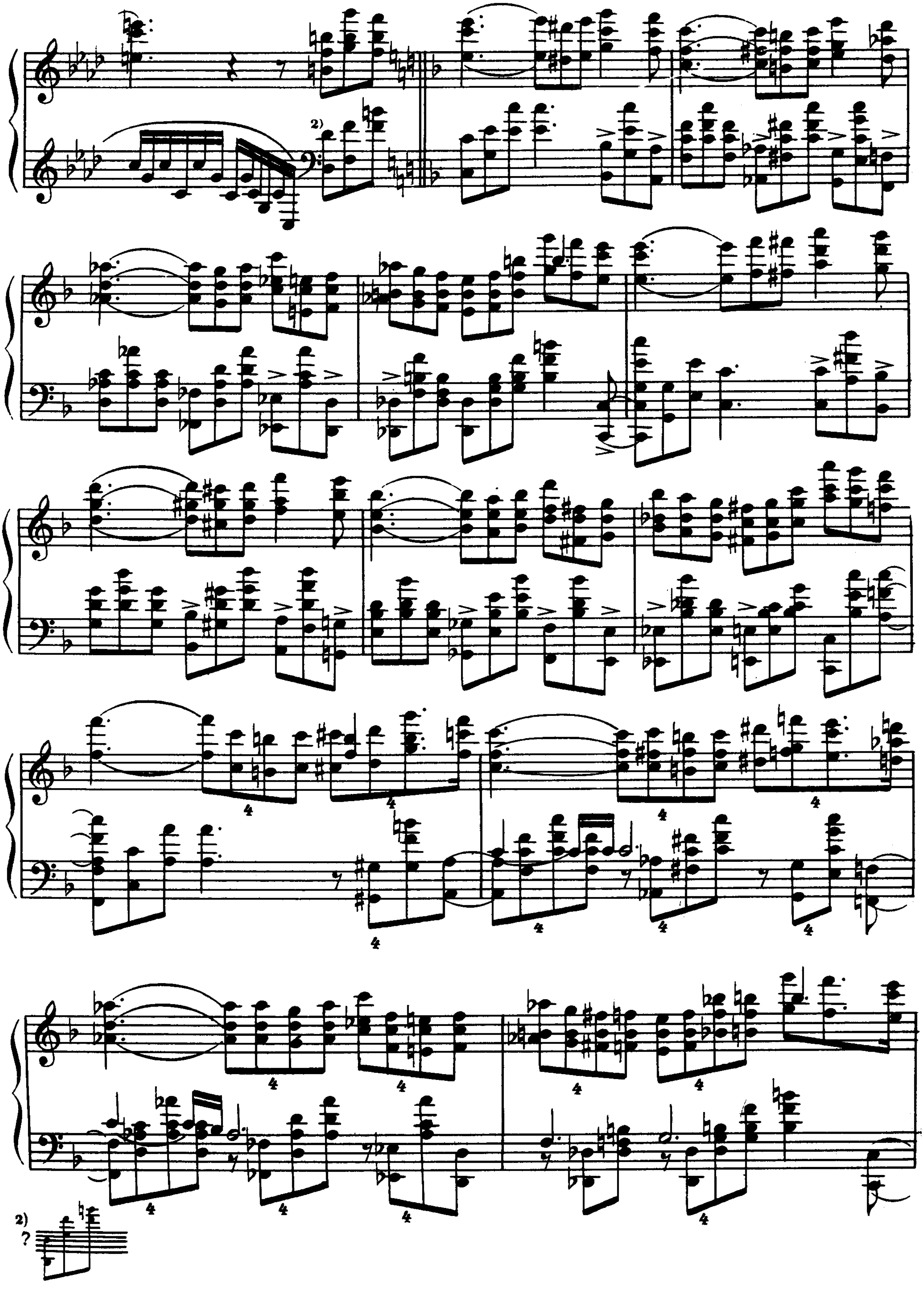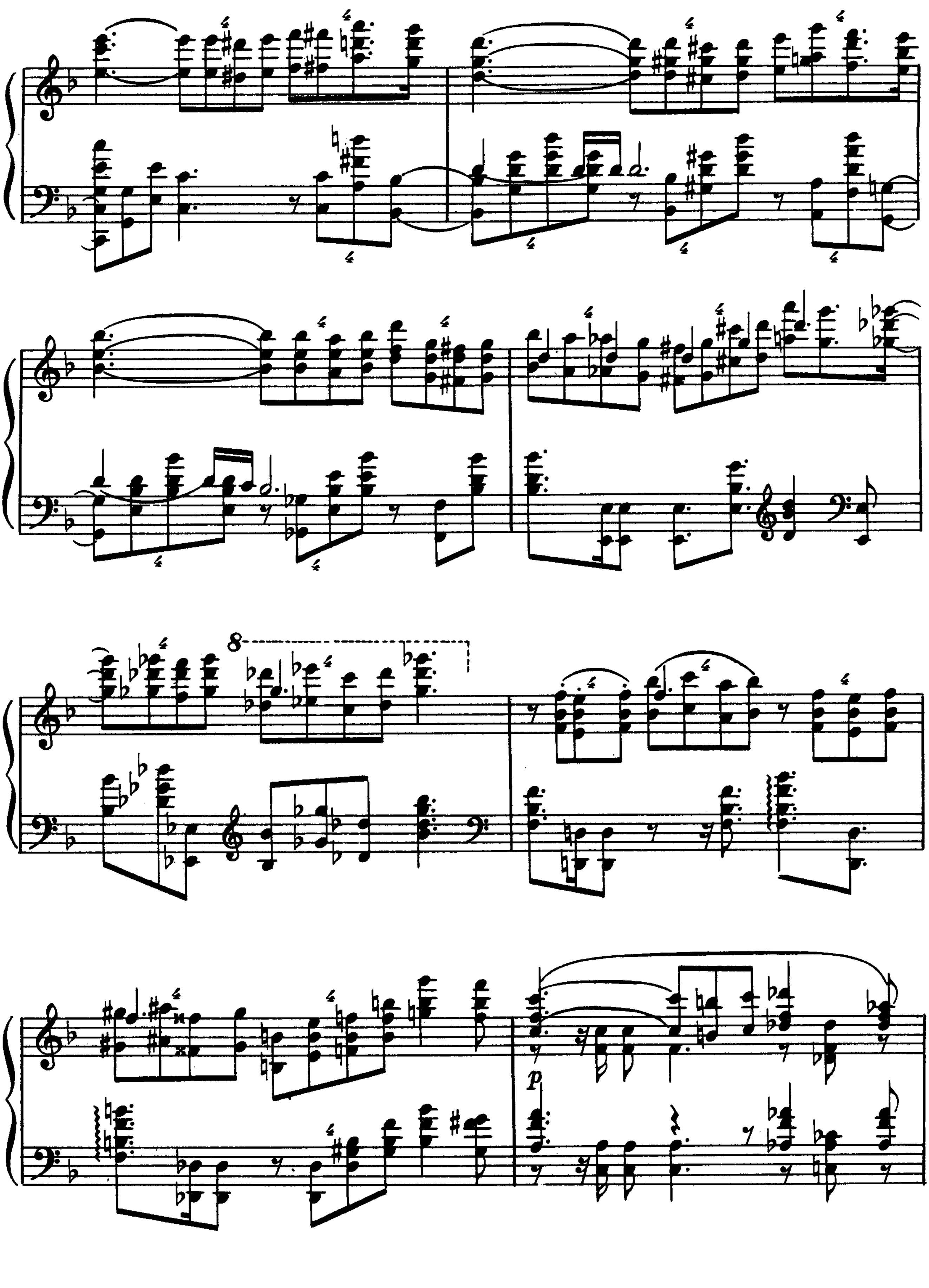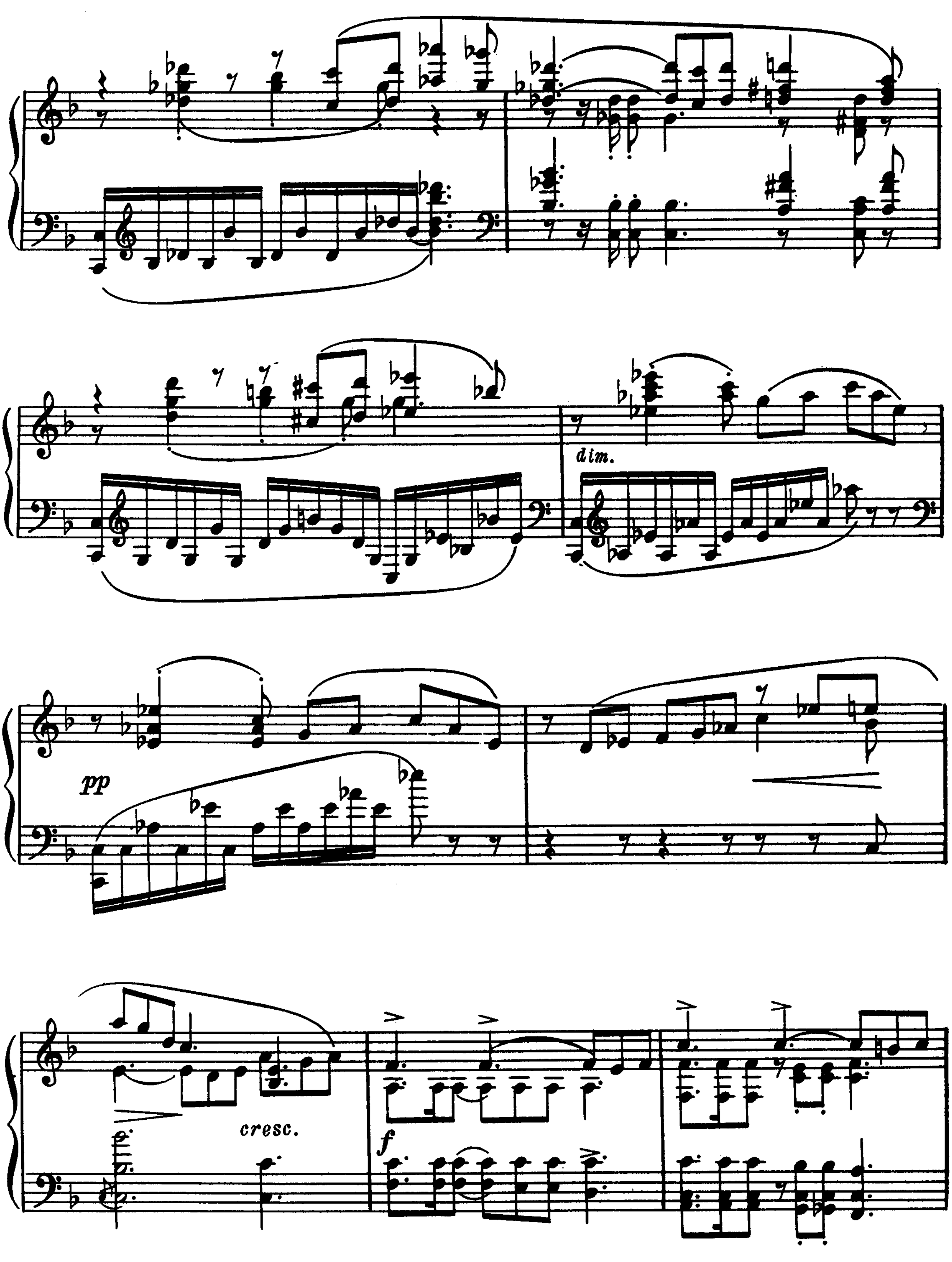
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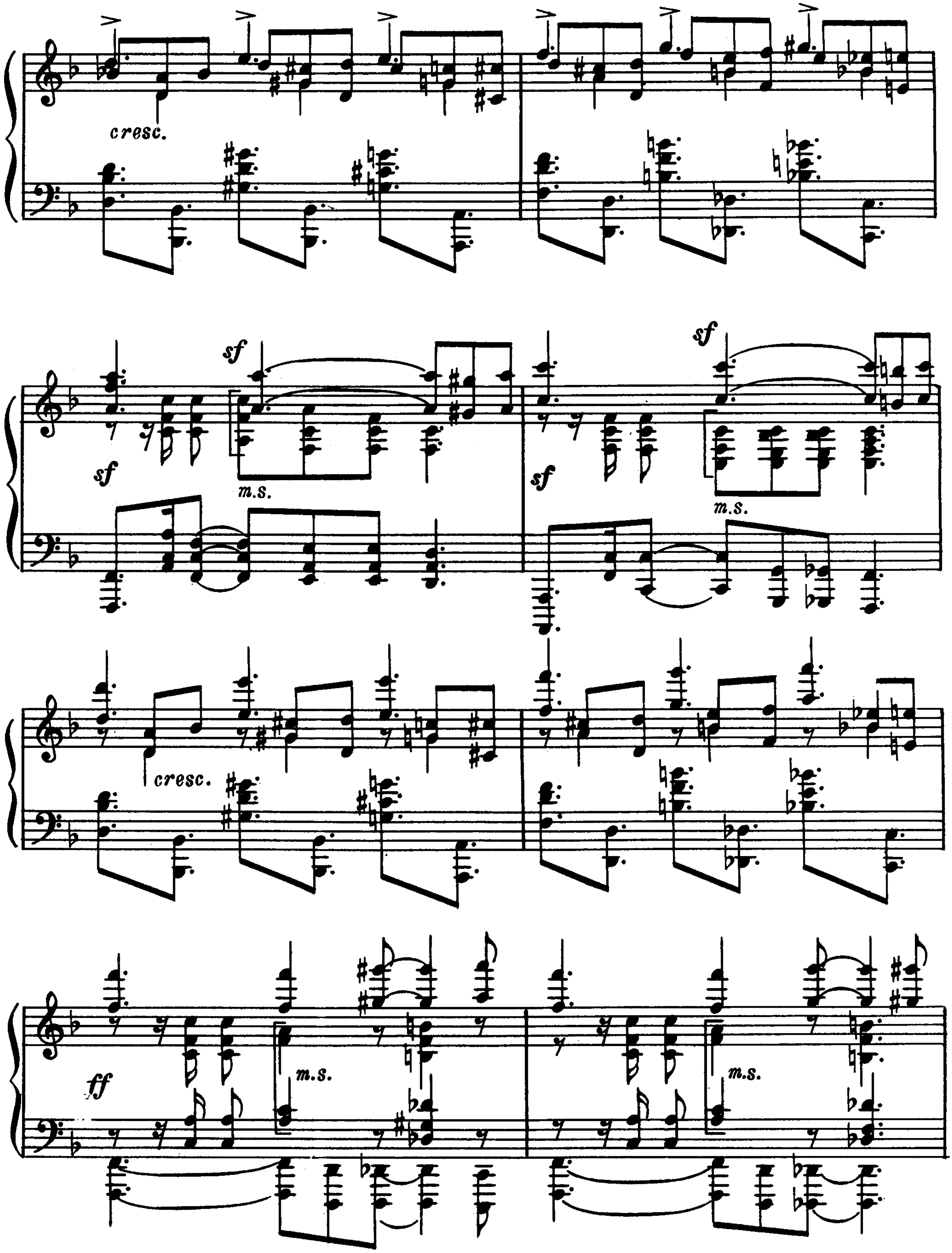
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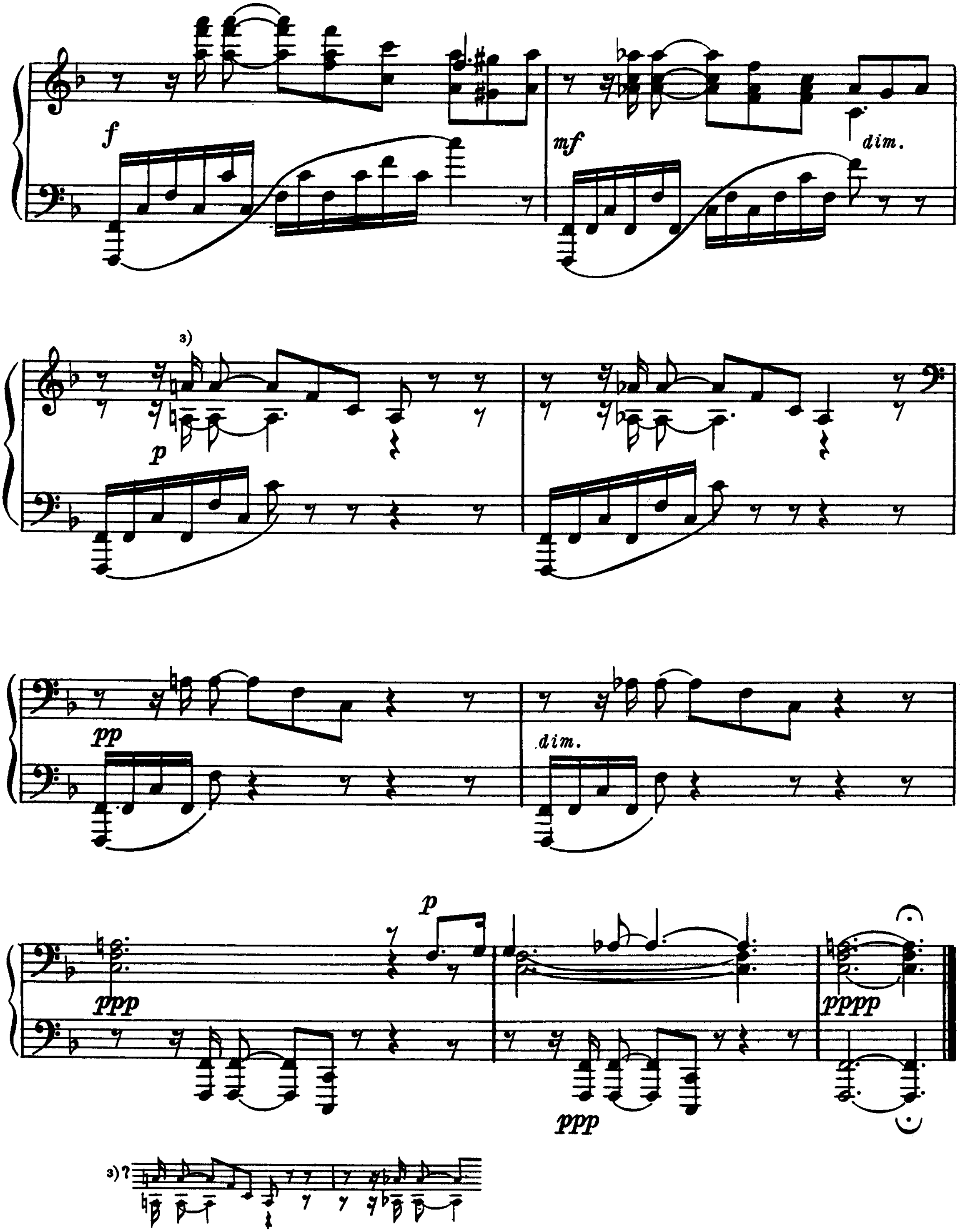
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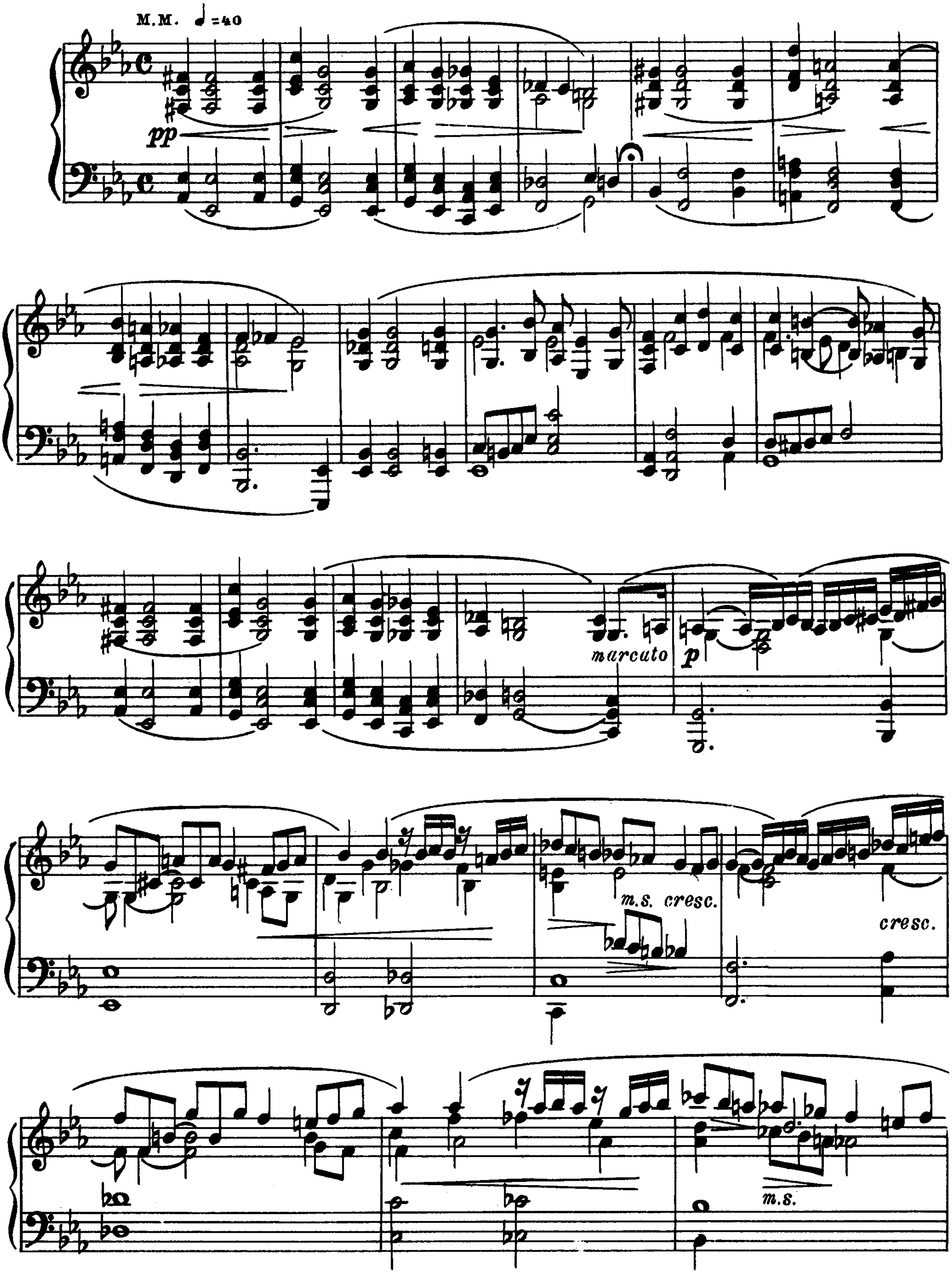
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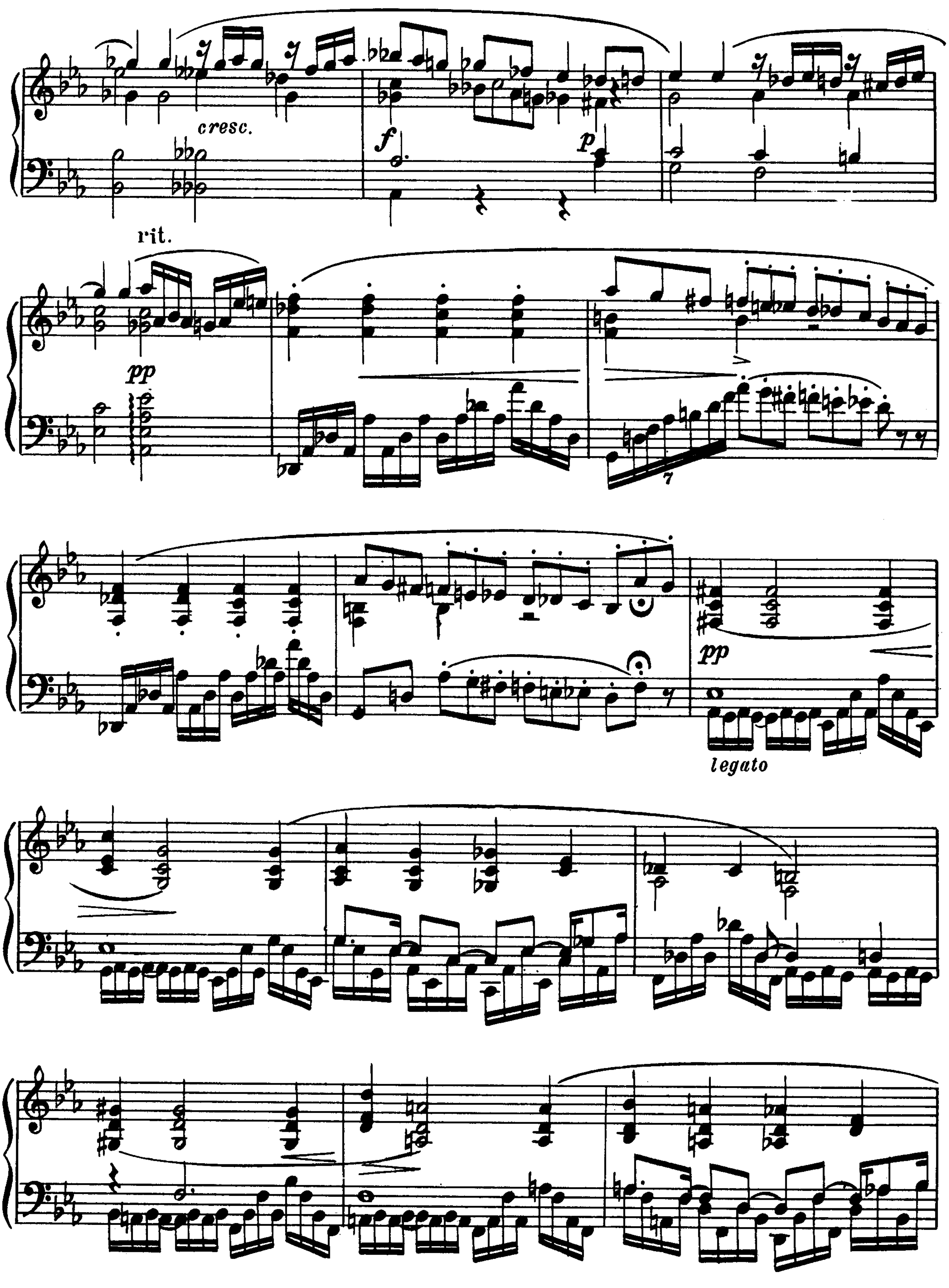
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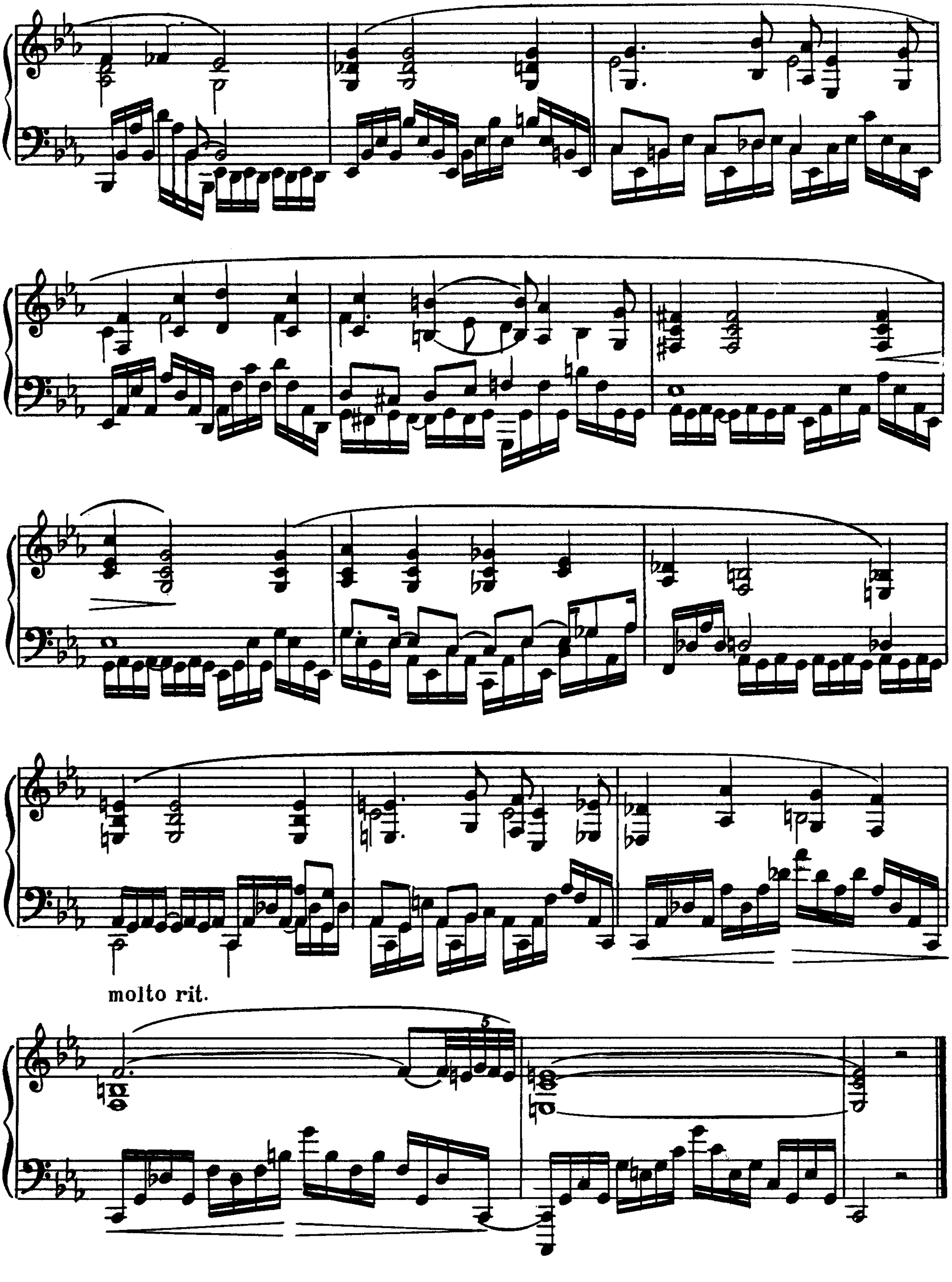
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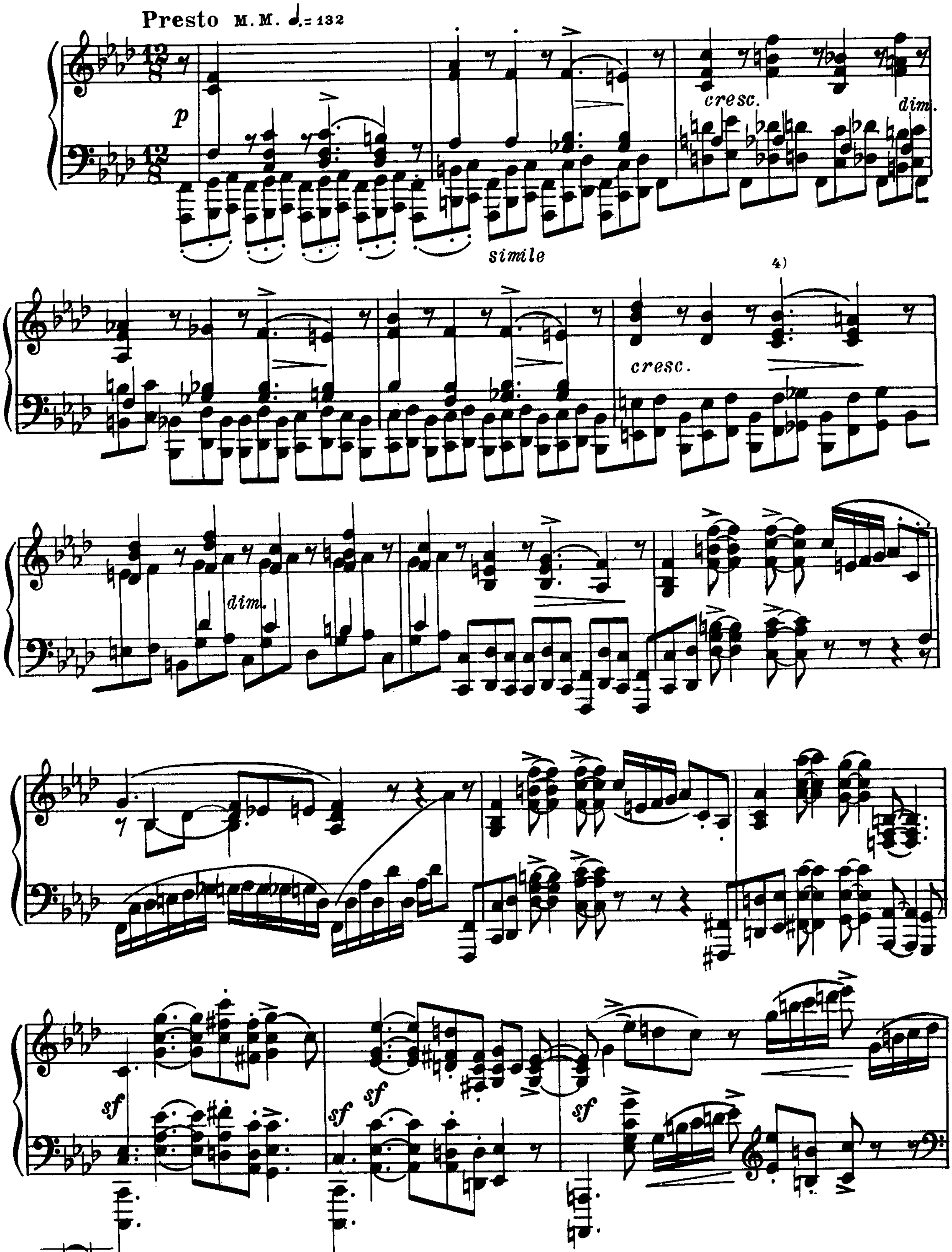
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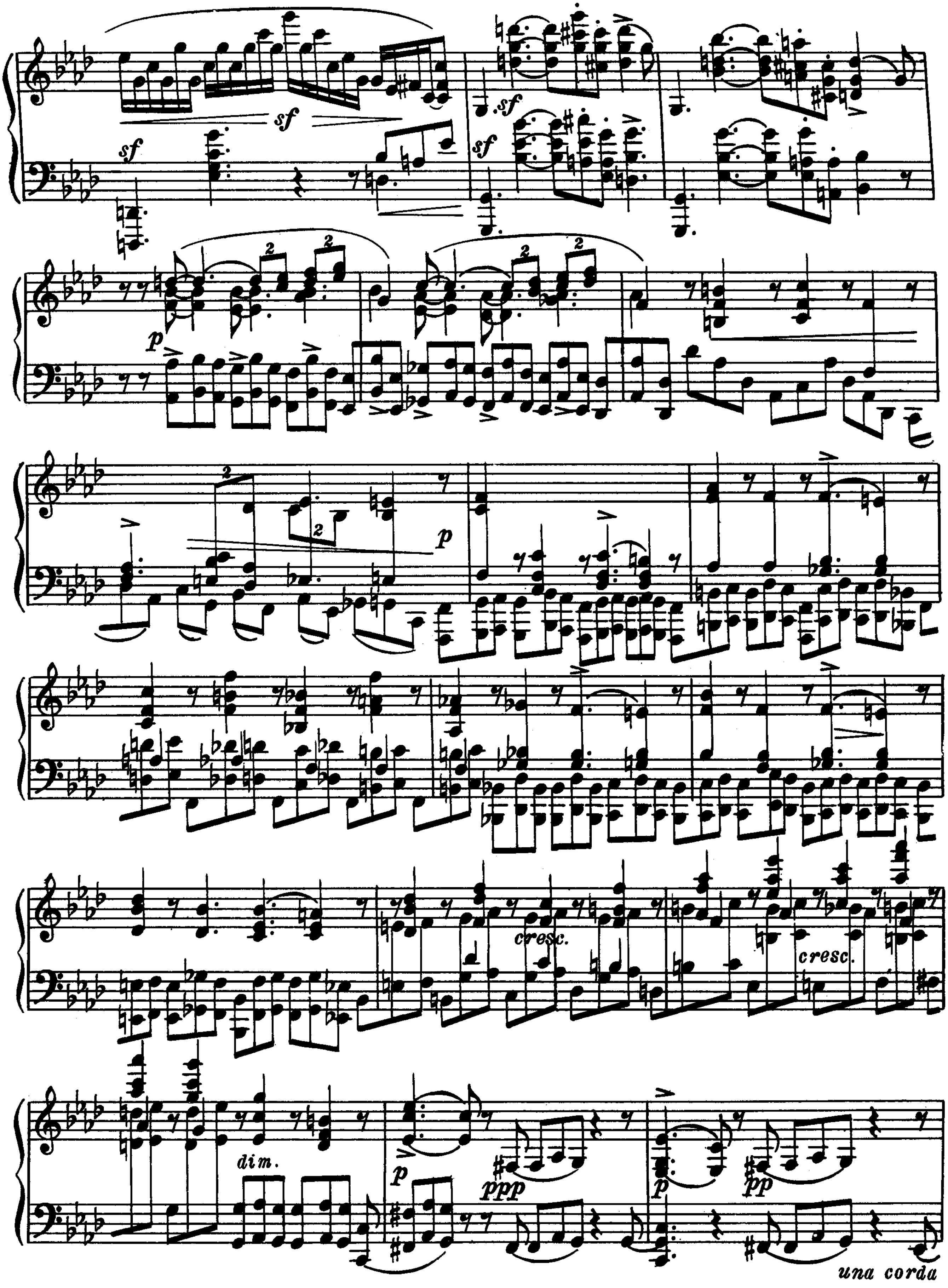
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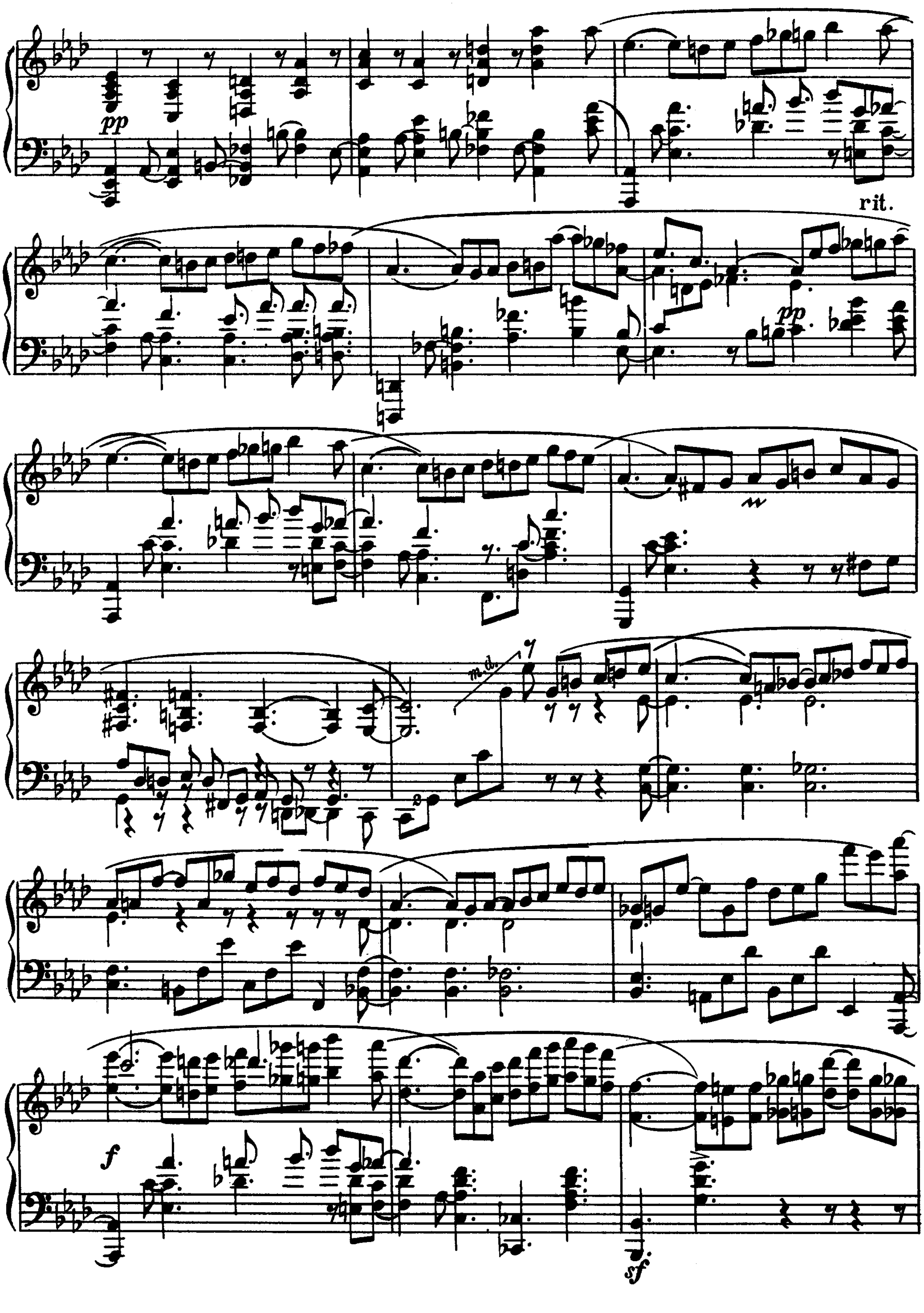
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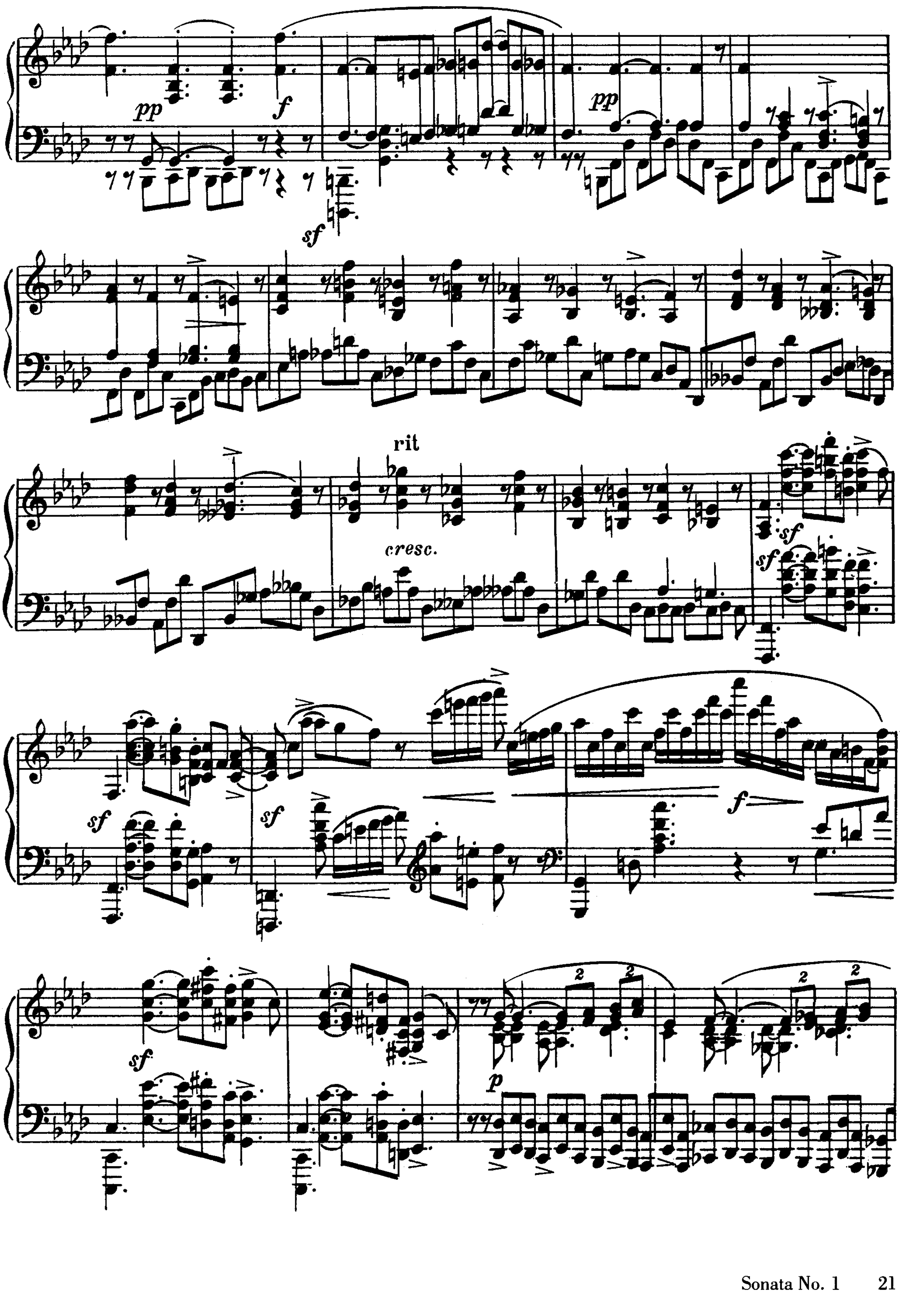
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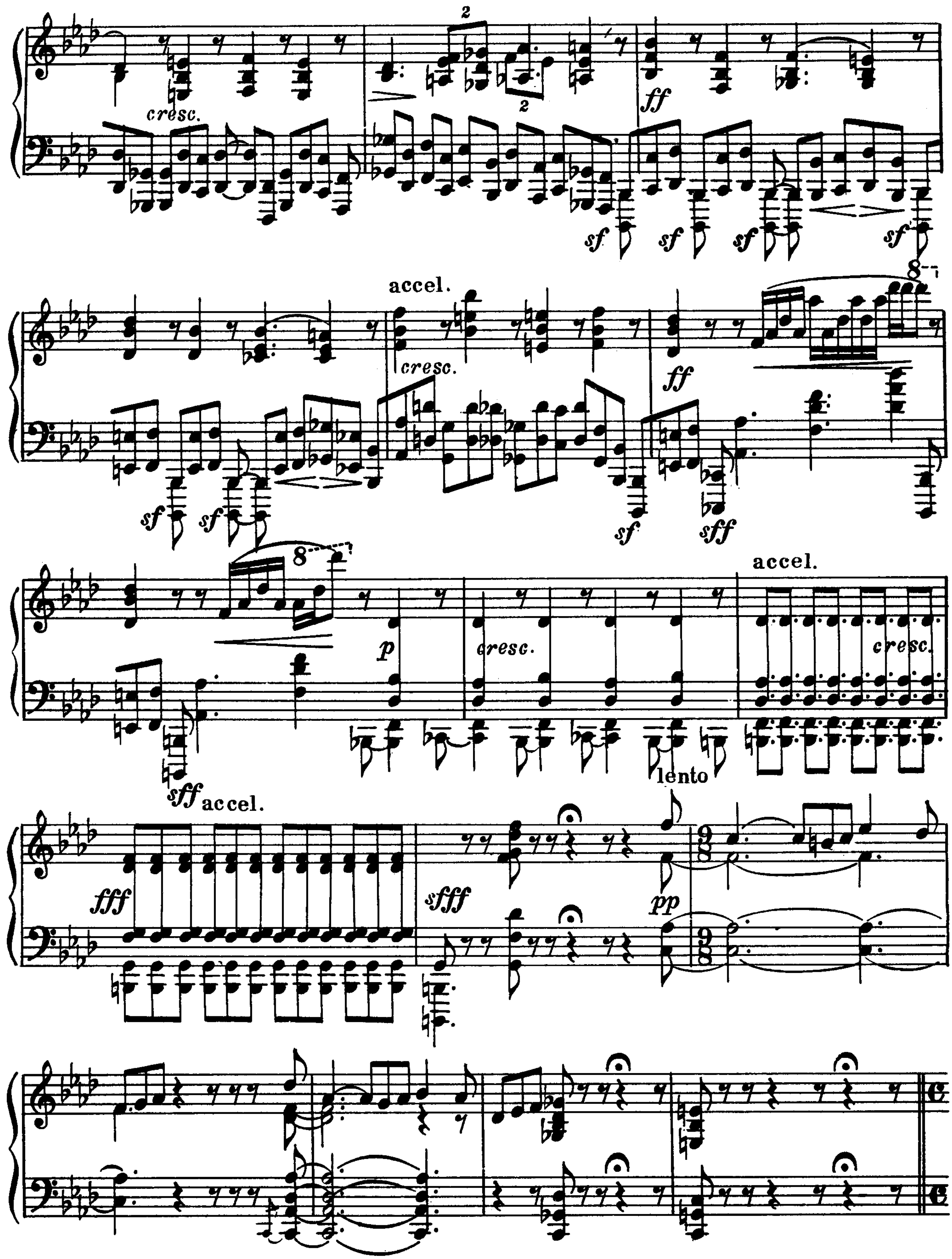
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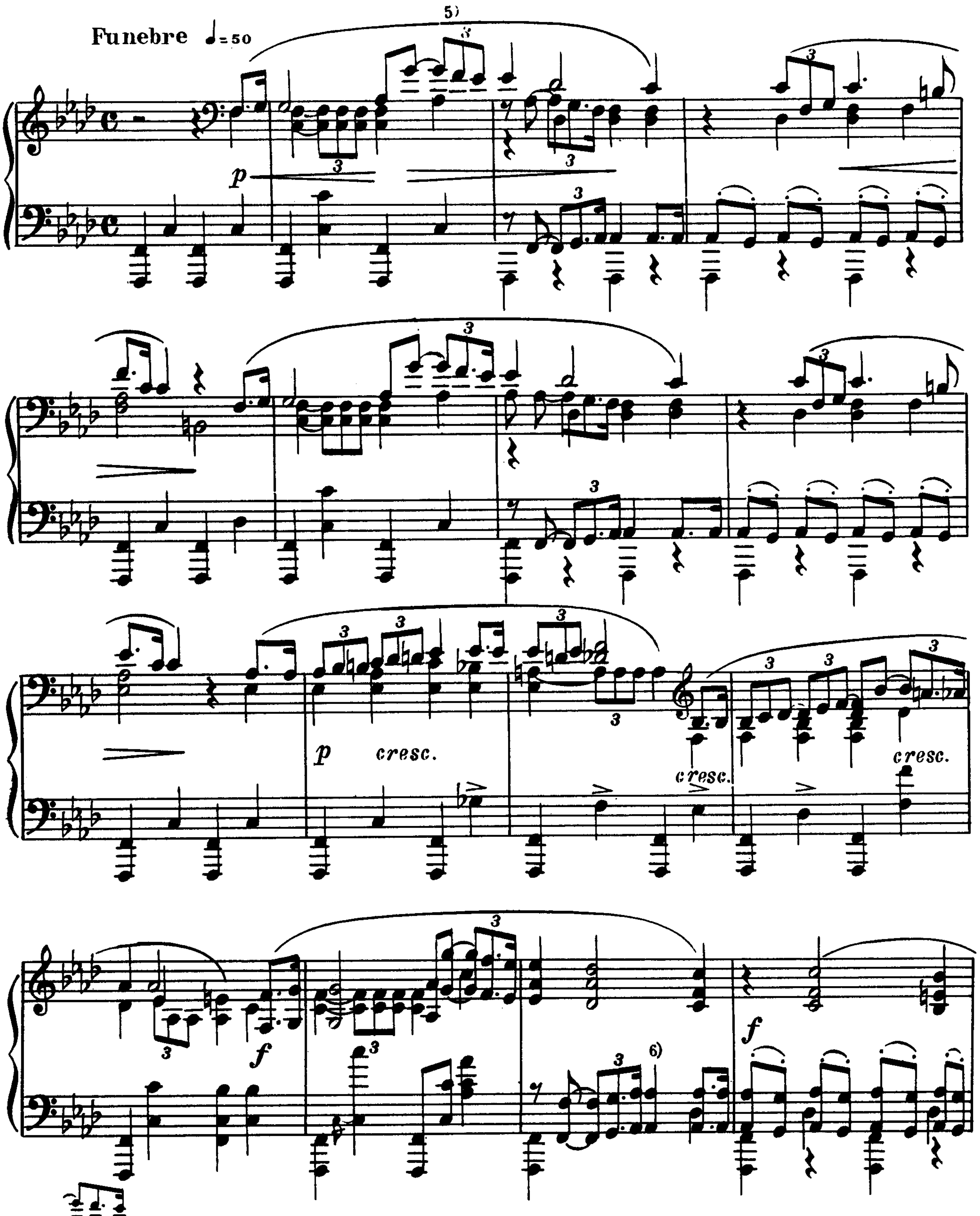
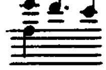
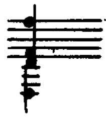
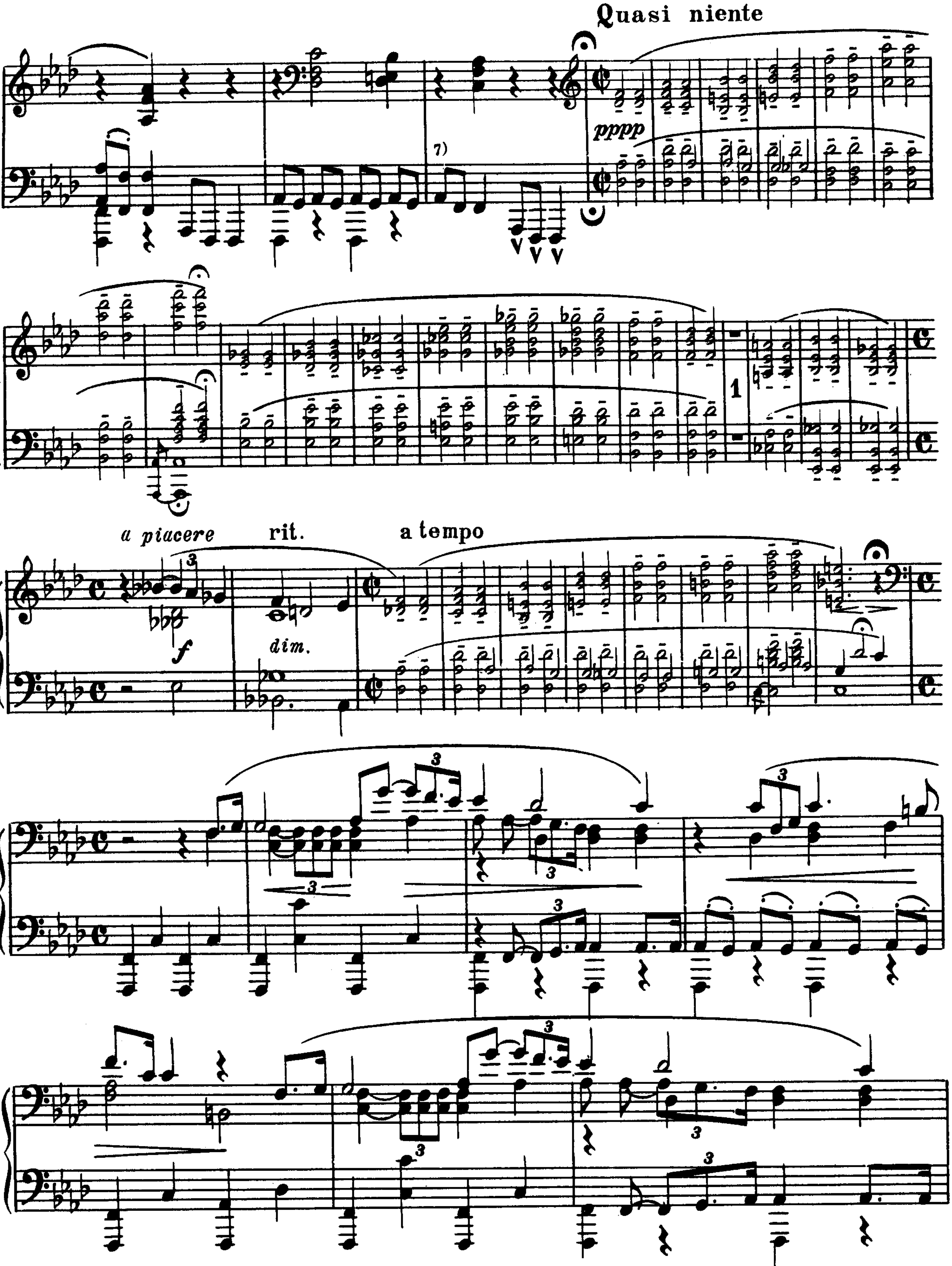

5)?  (by analogy with a number of subsequent mm.). Scriabin himself, when performing similar triplets in other compositions, frequently changed the last eighth-note to a sixteenth-note.

6)?  (by analogy with m. 8 from the end of this movement).

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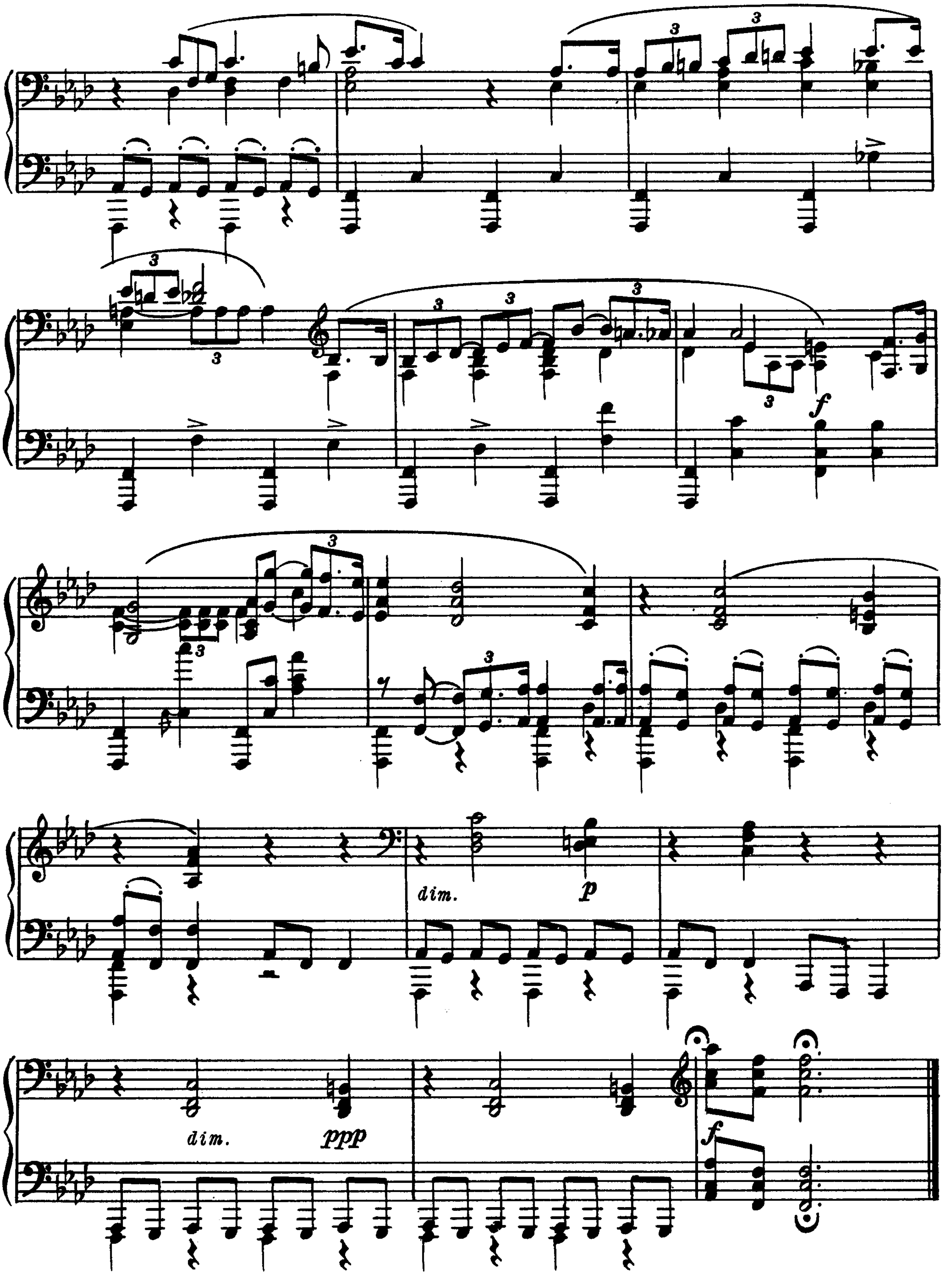
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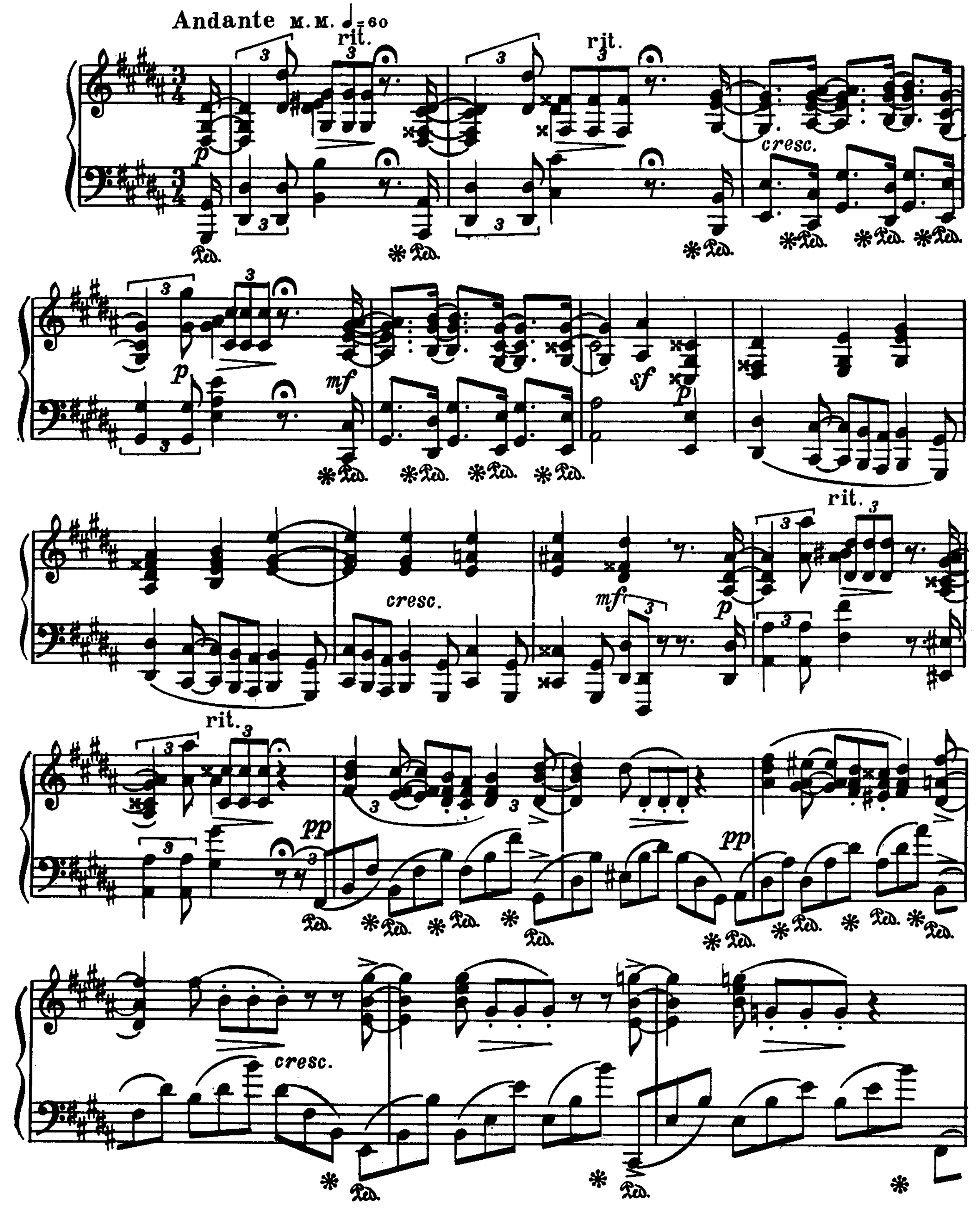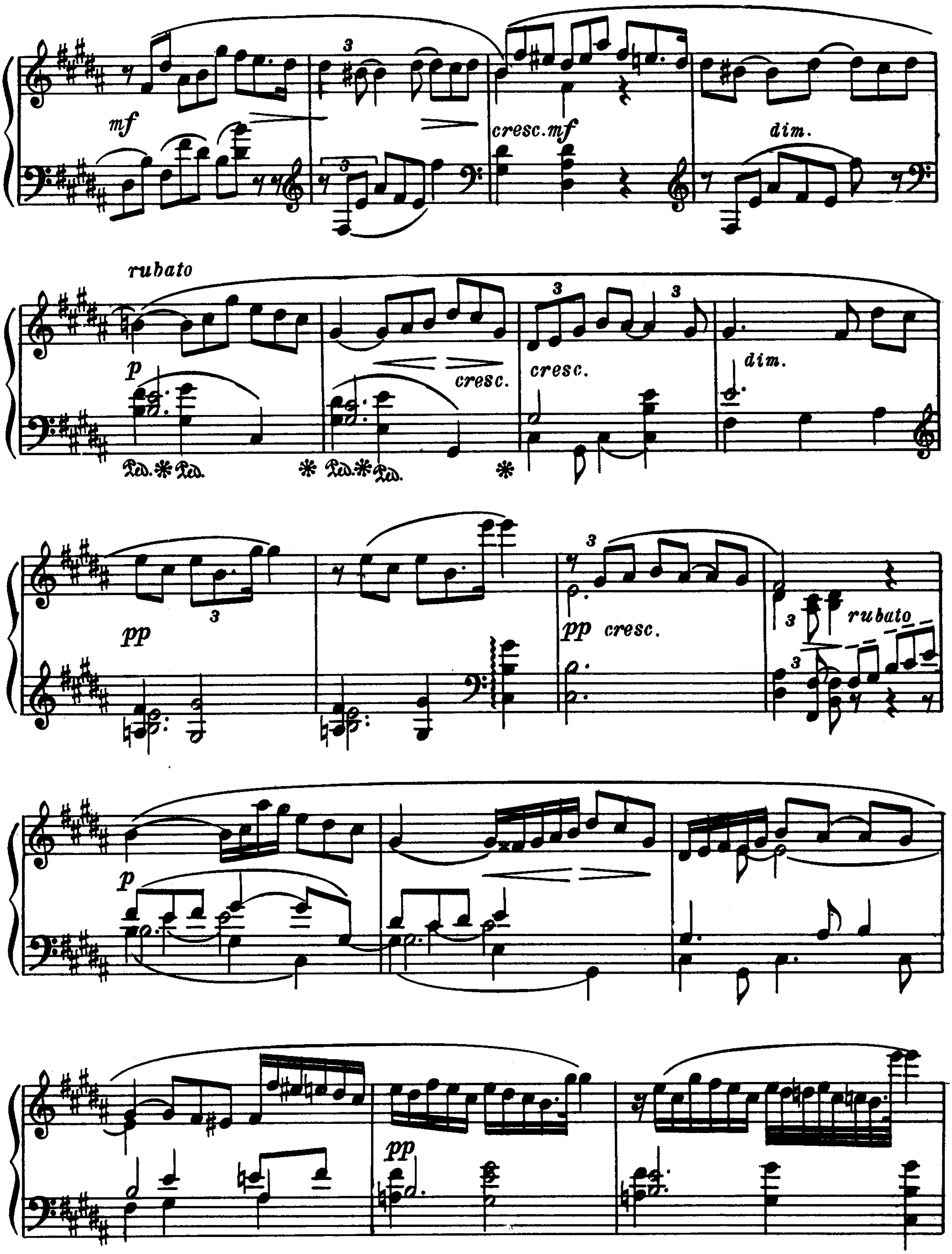
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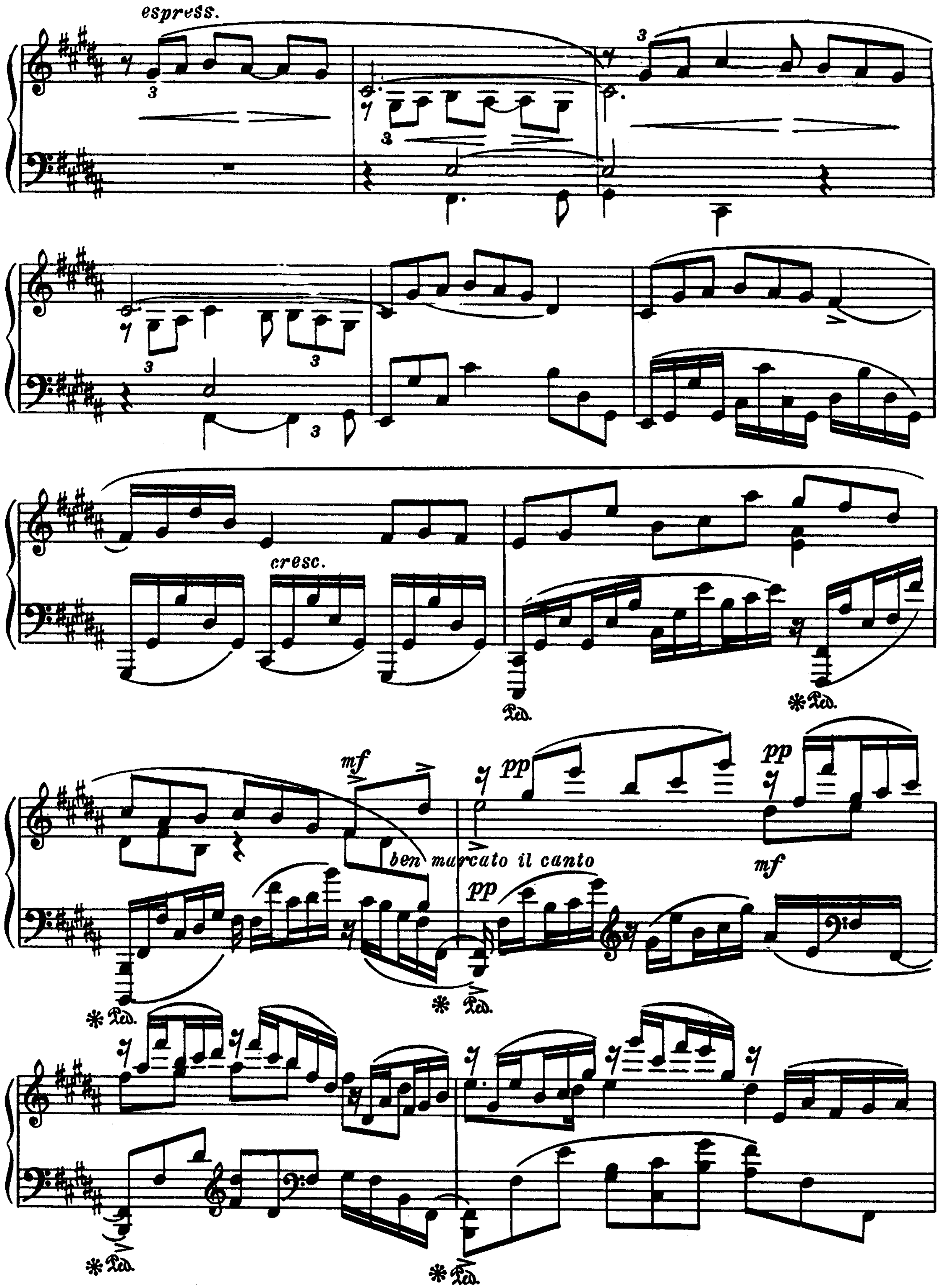
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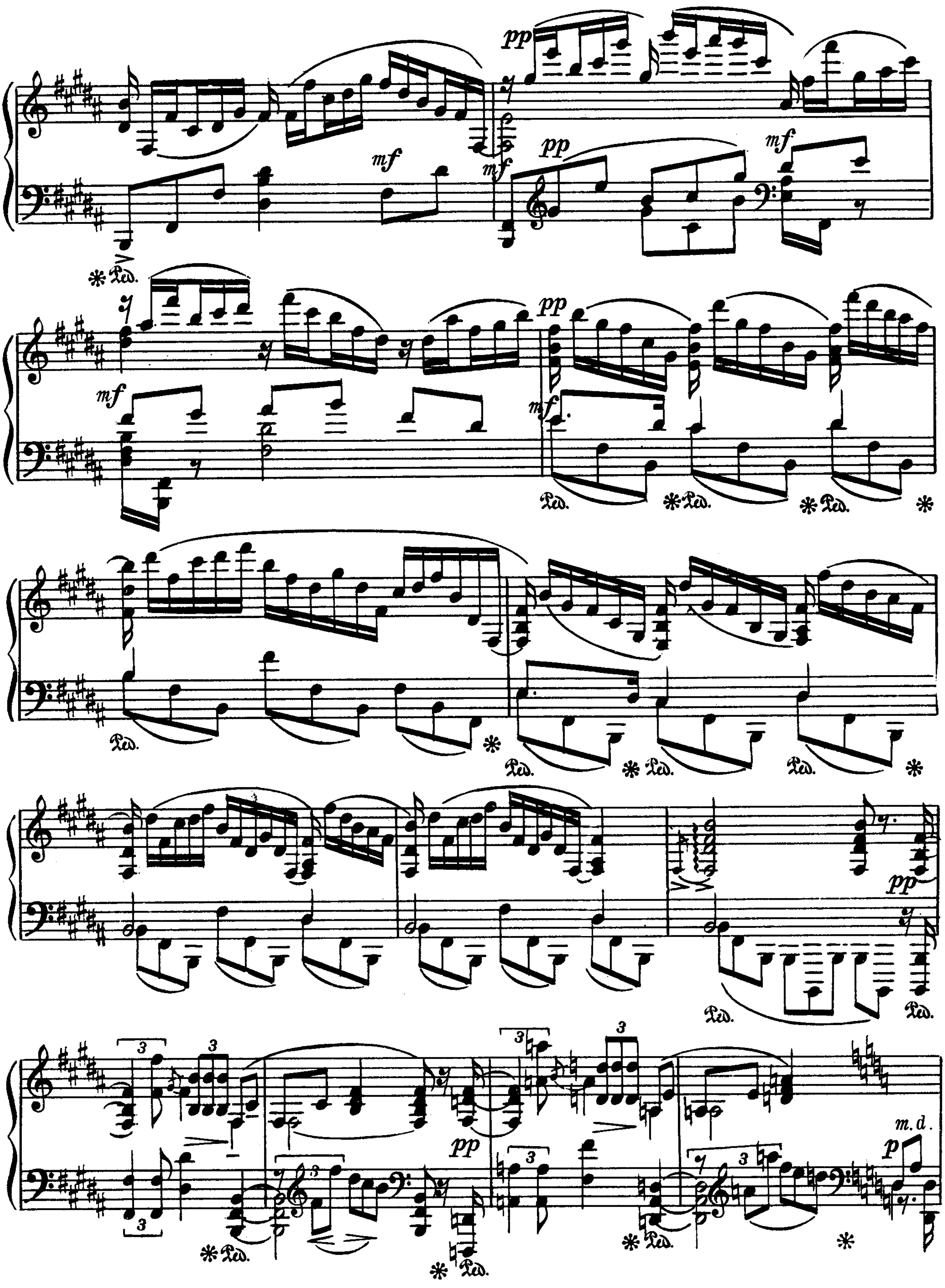
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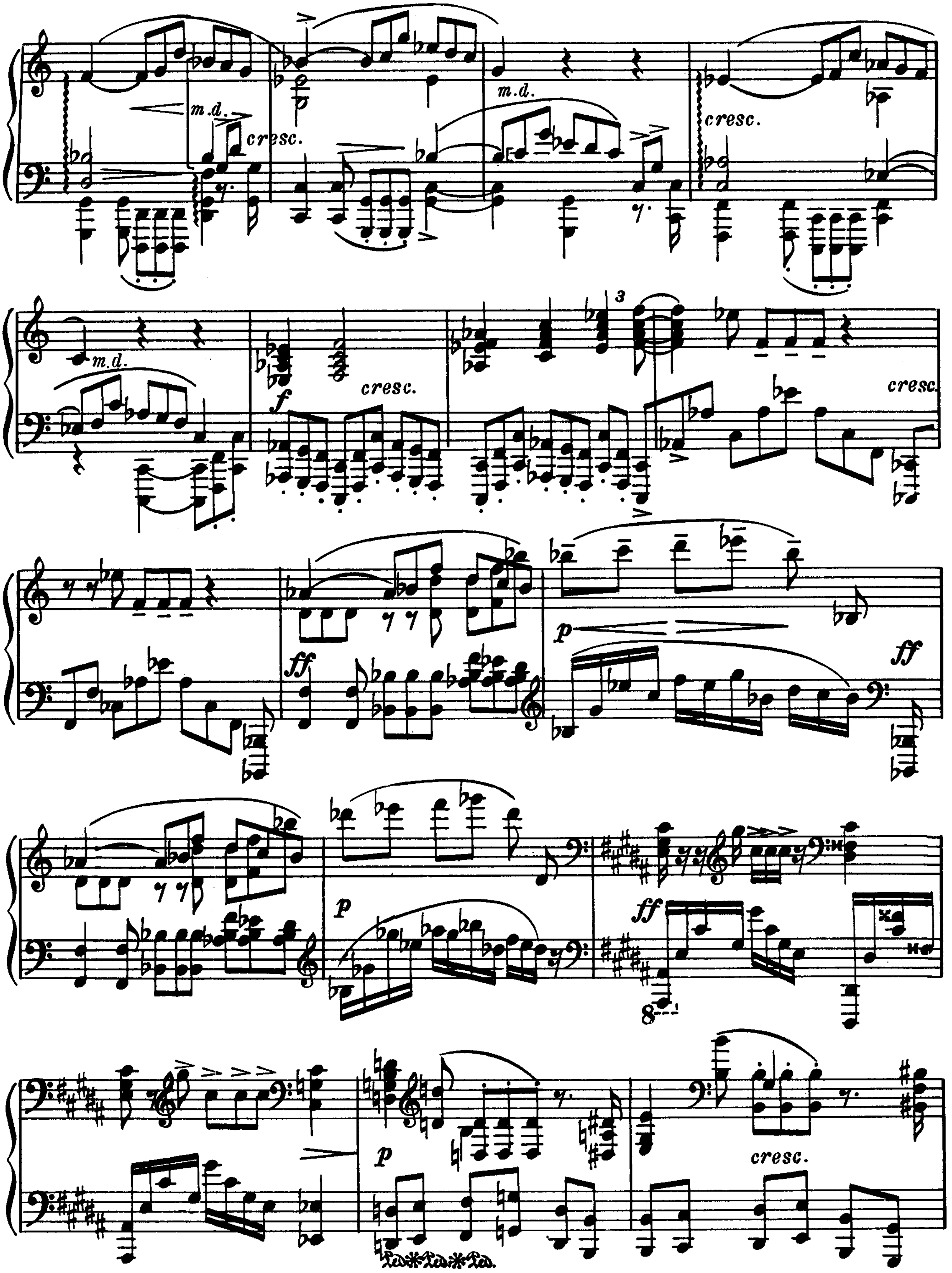
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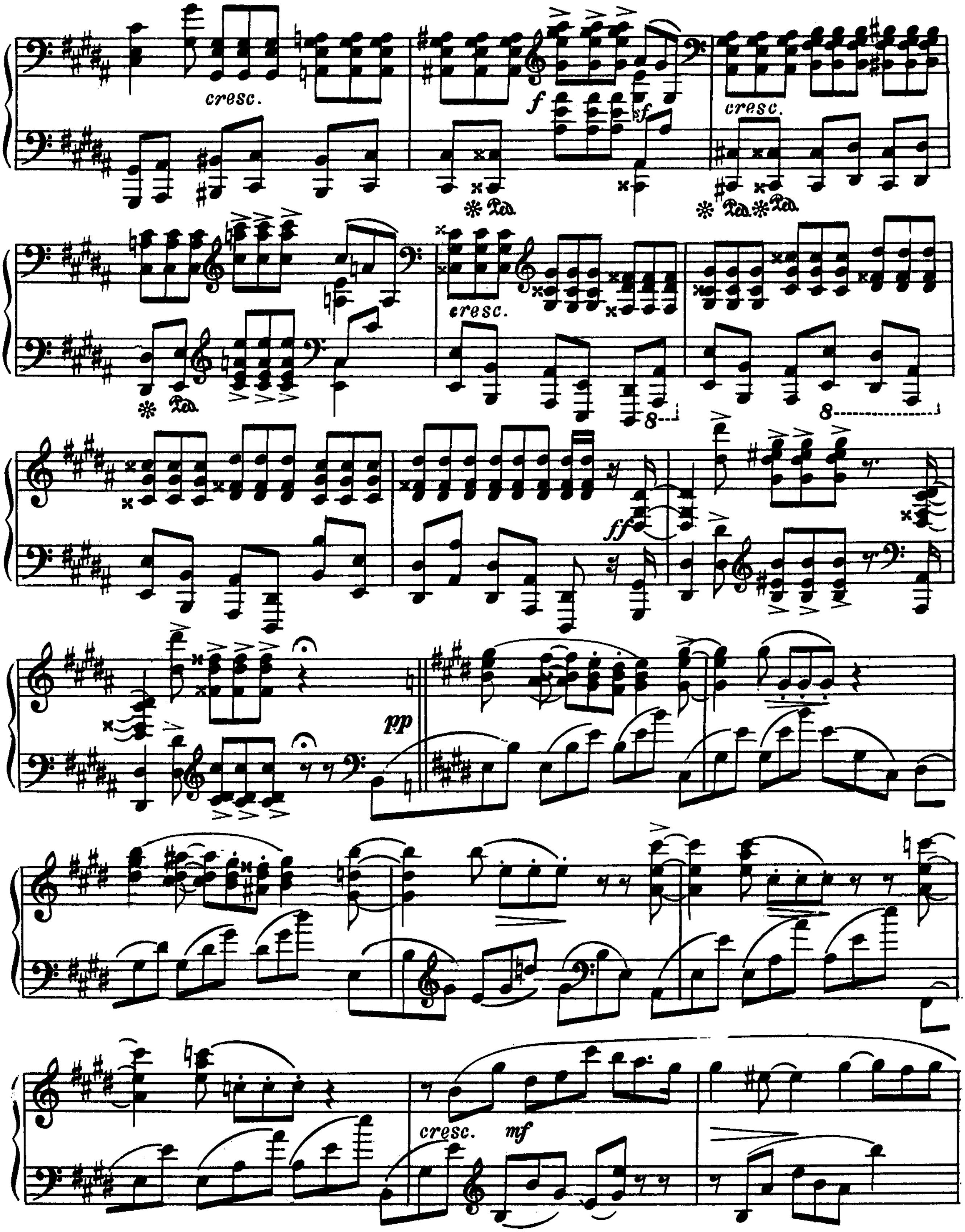
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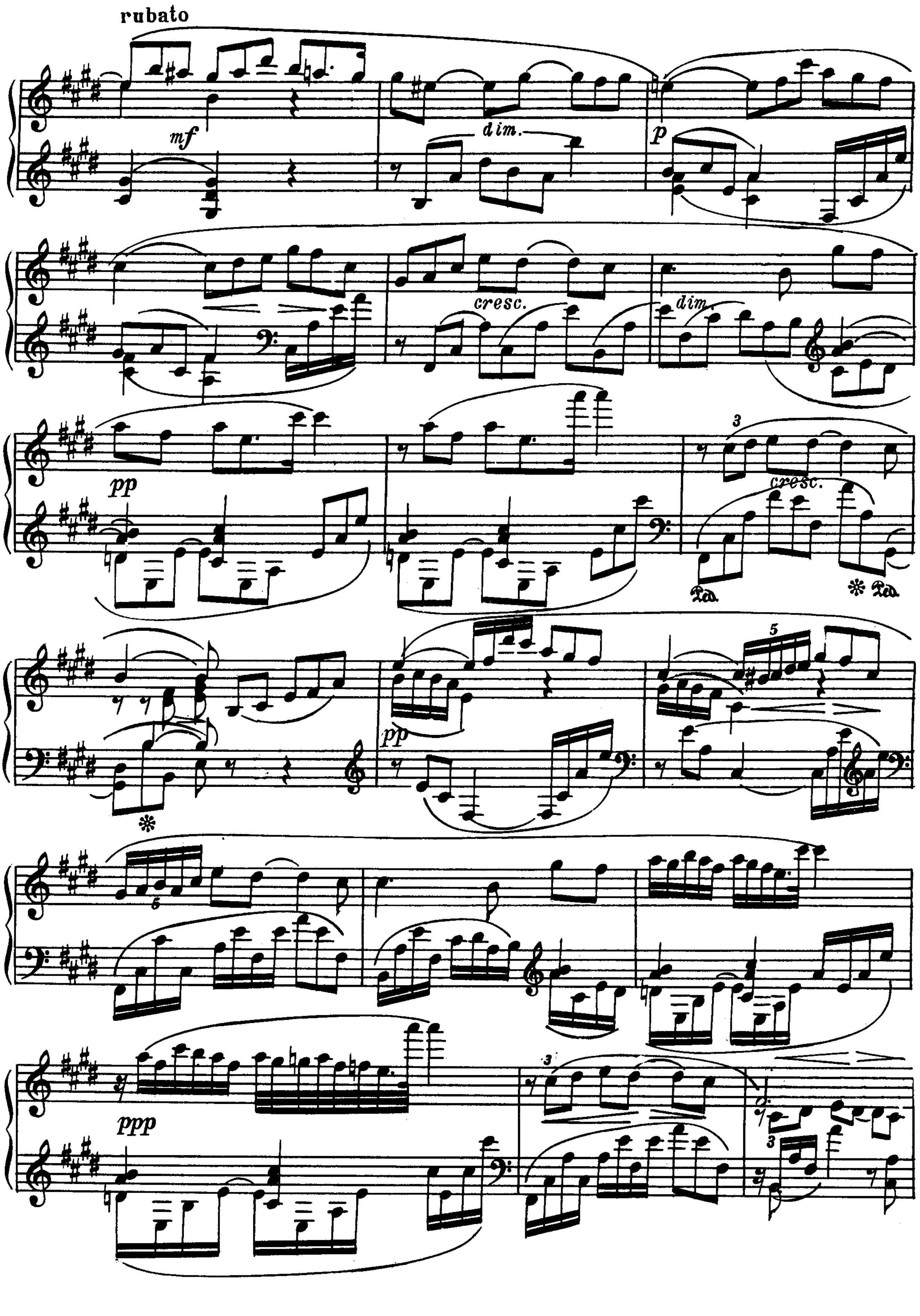
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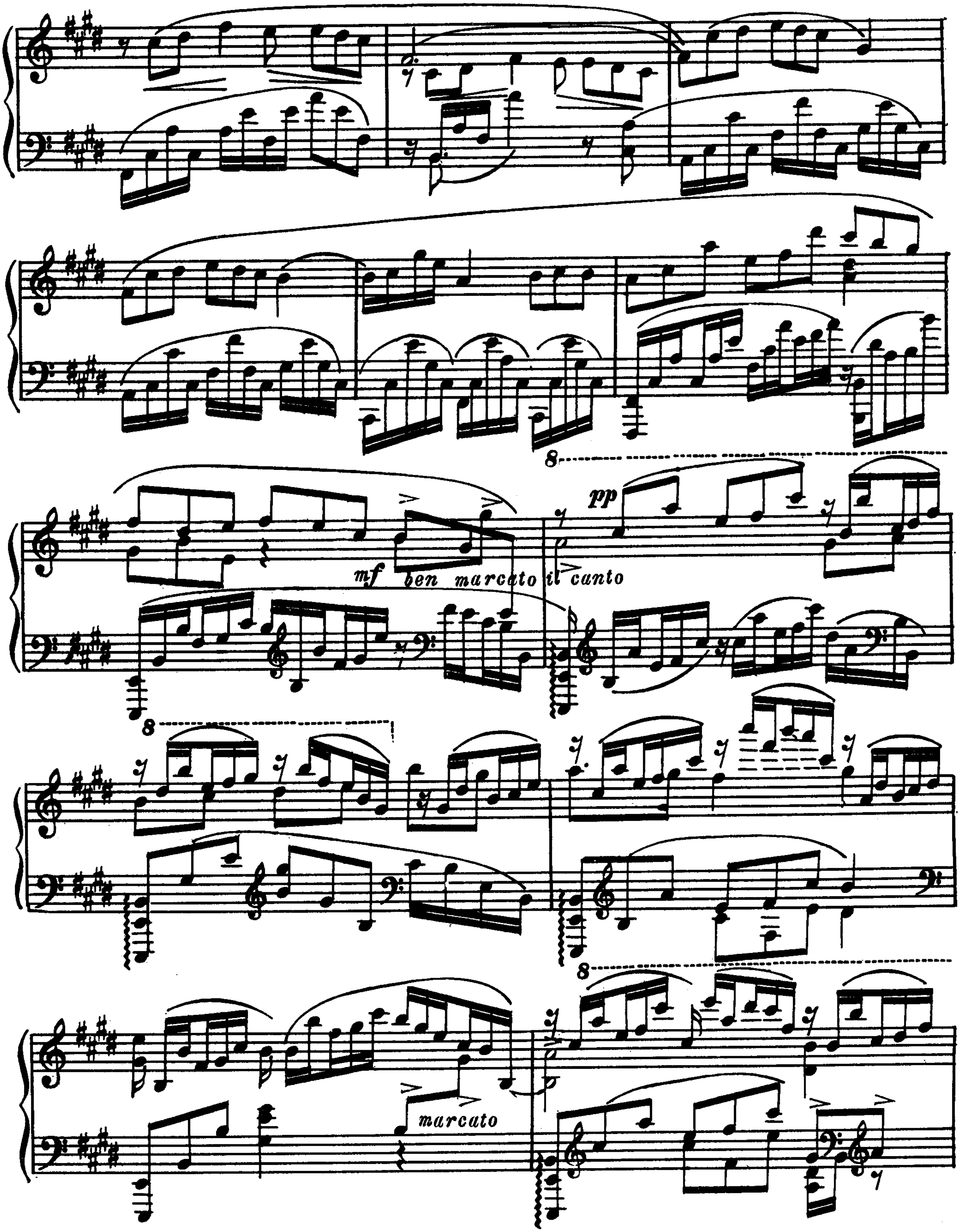
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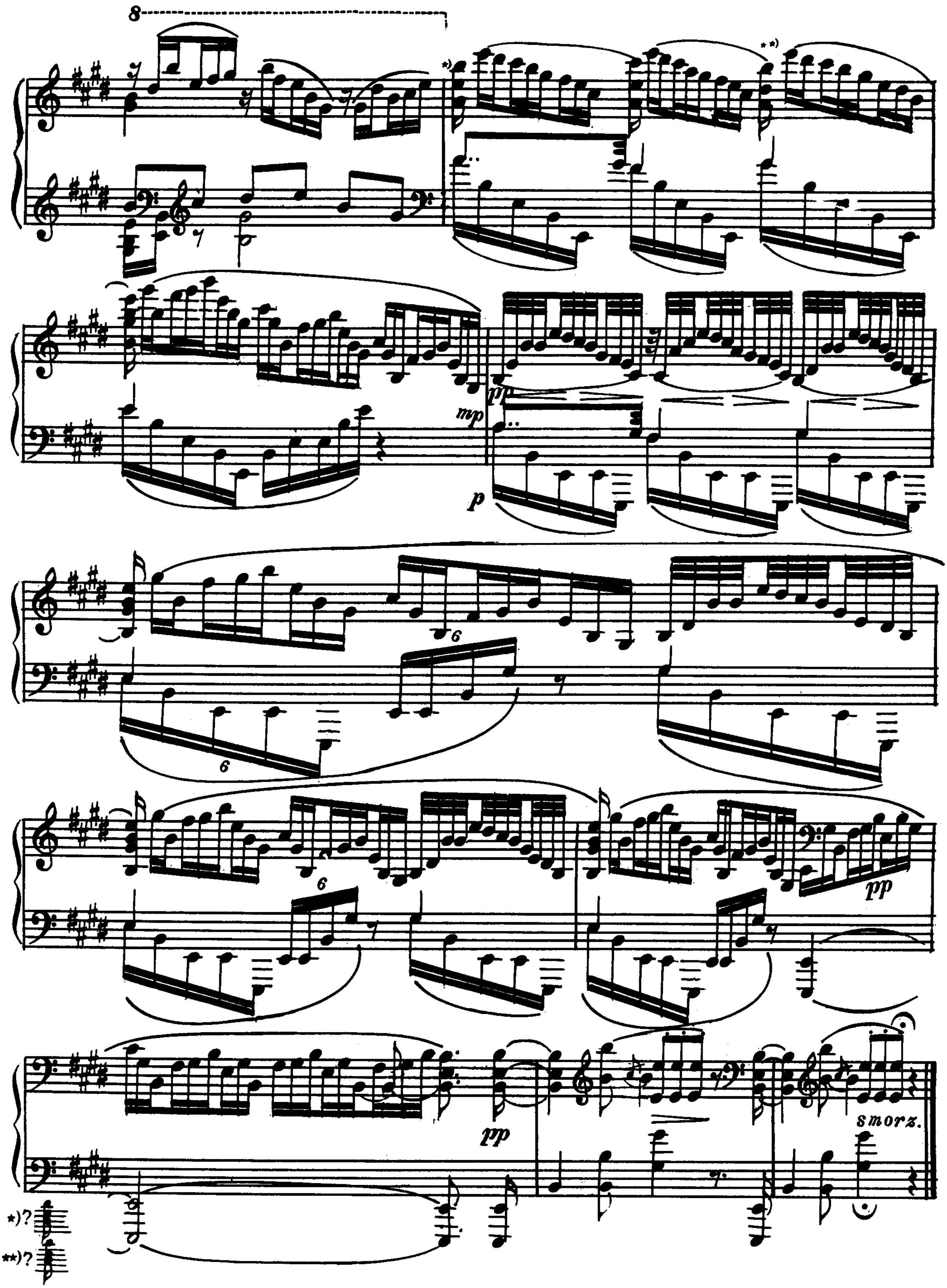
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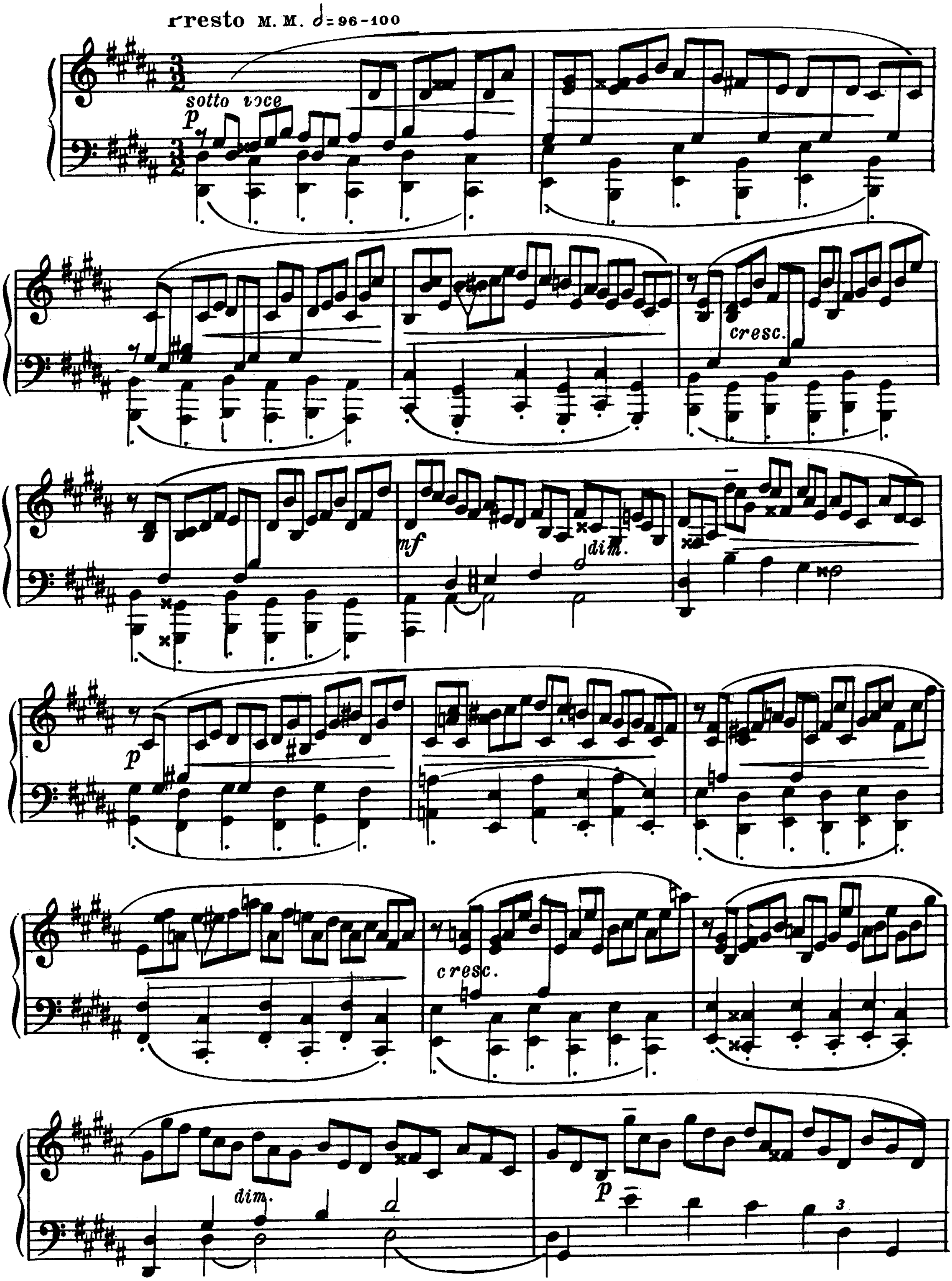
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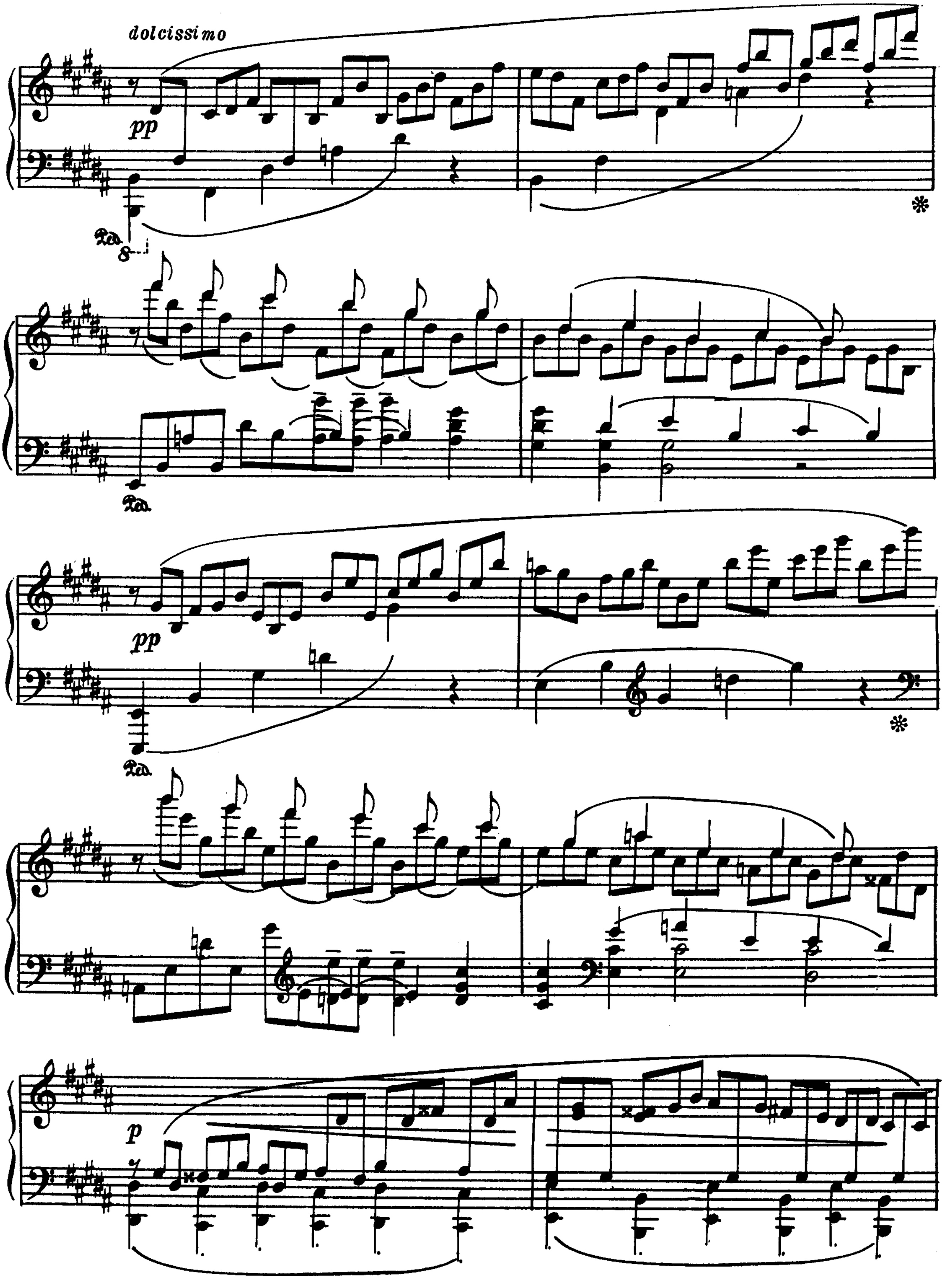
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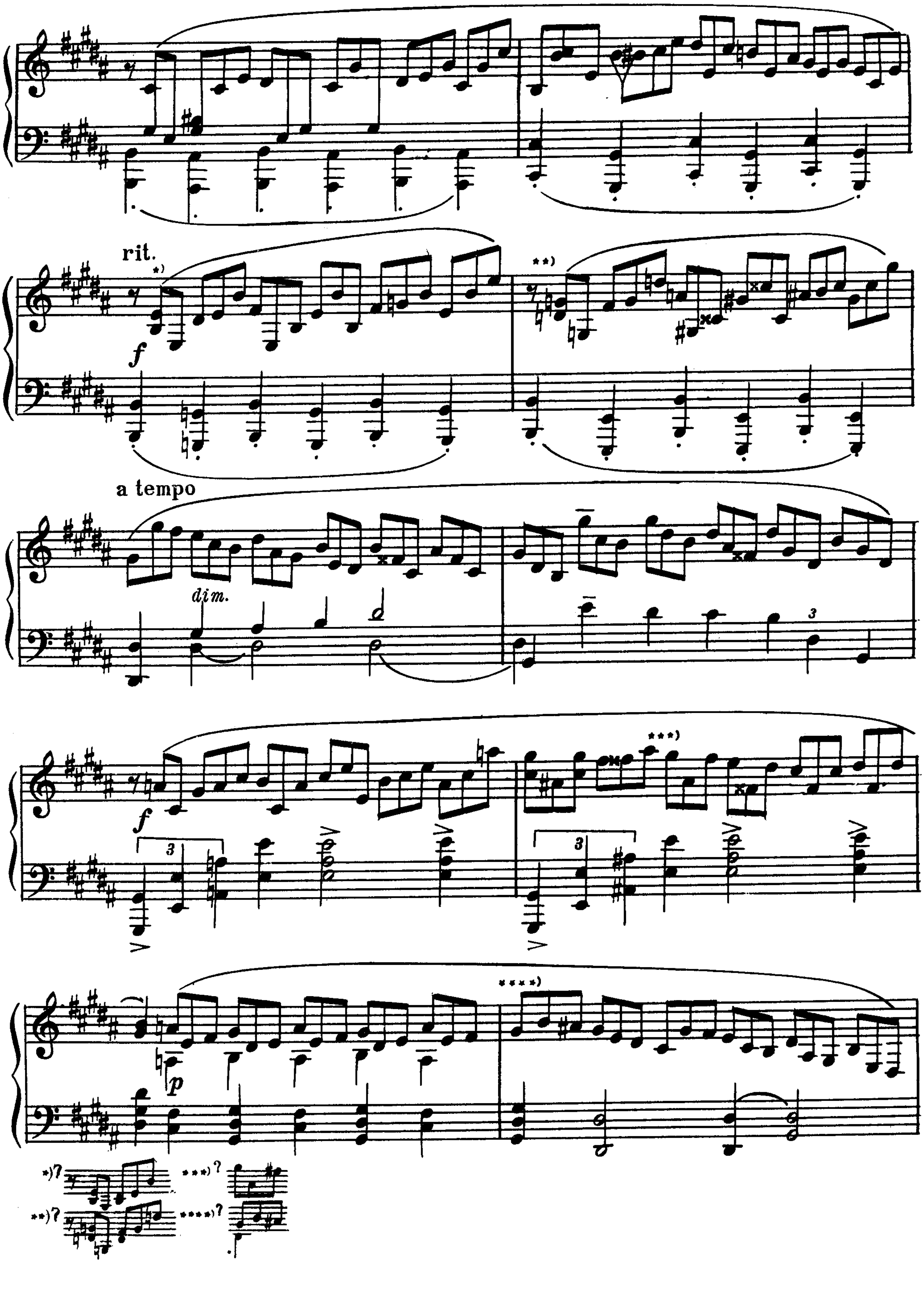
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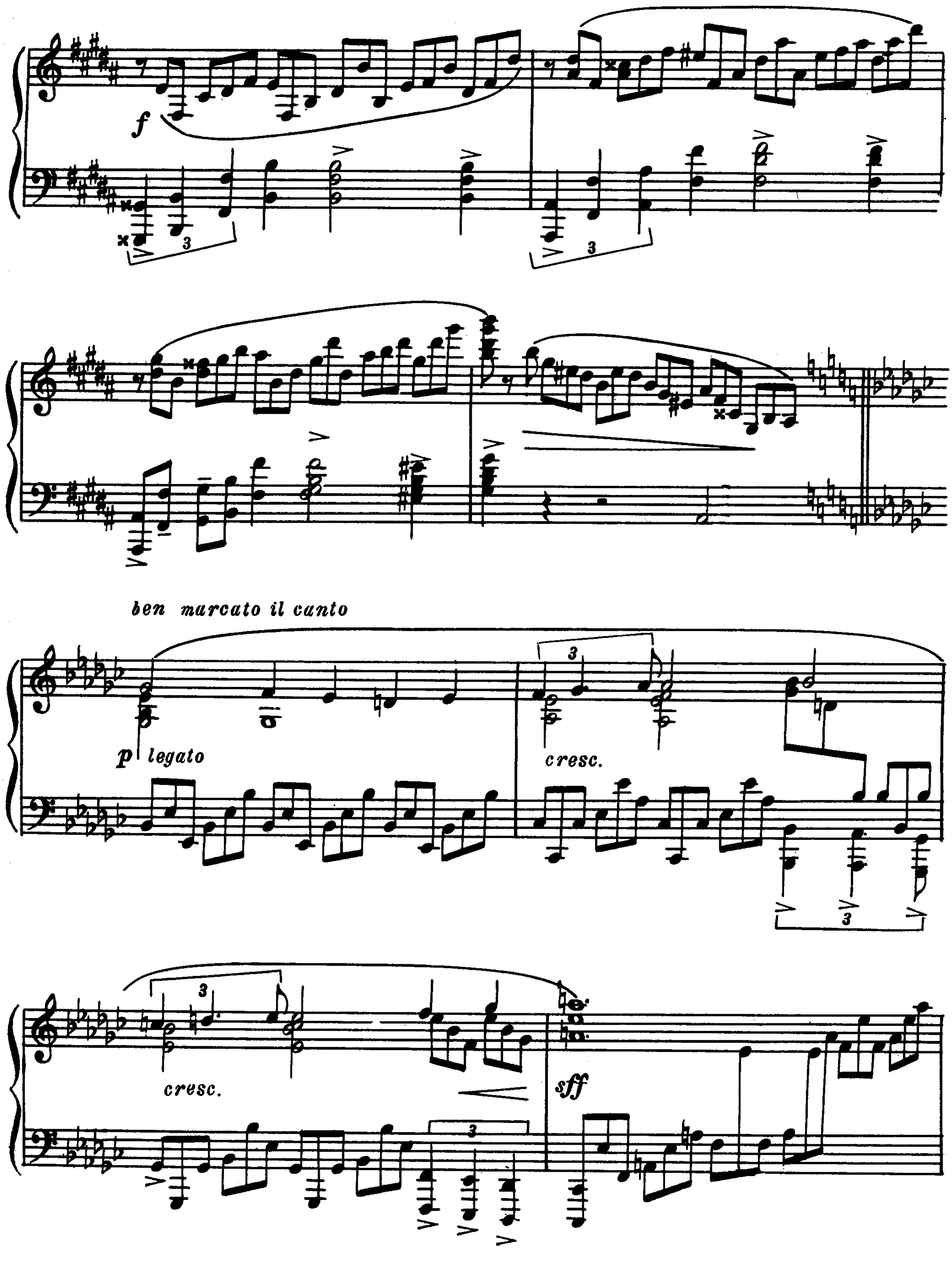
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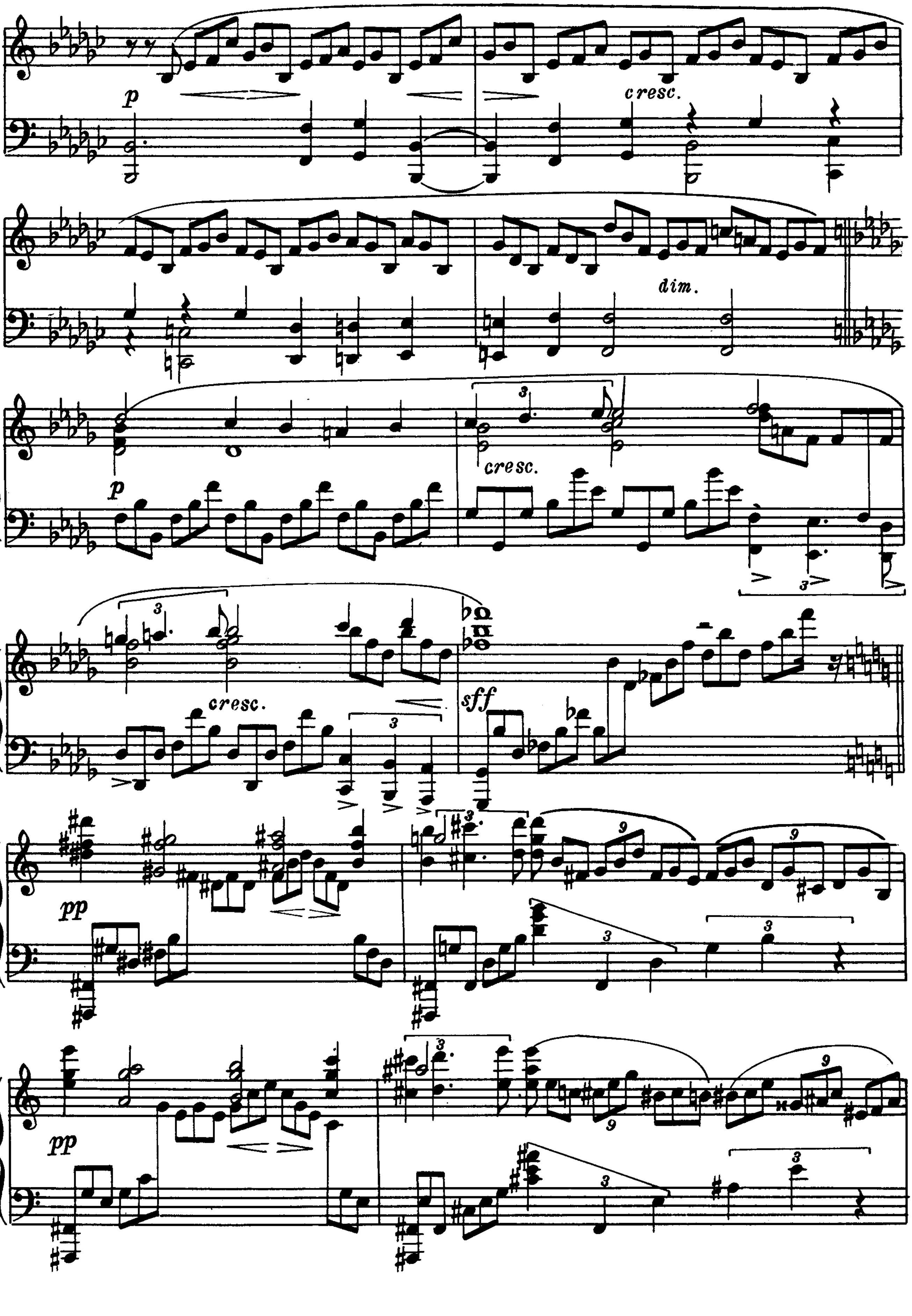
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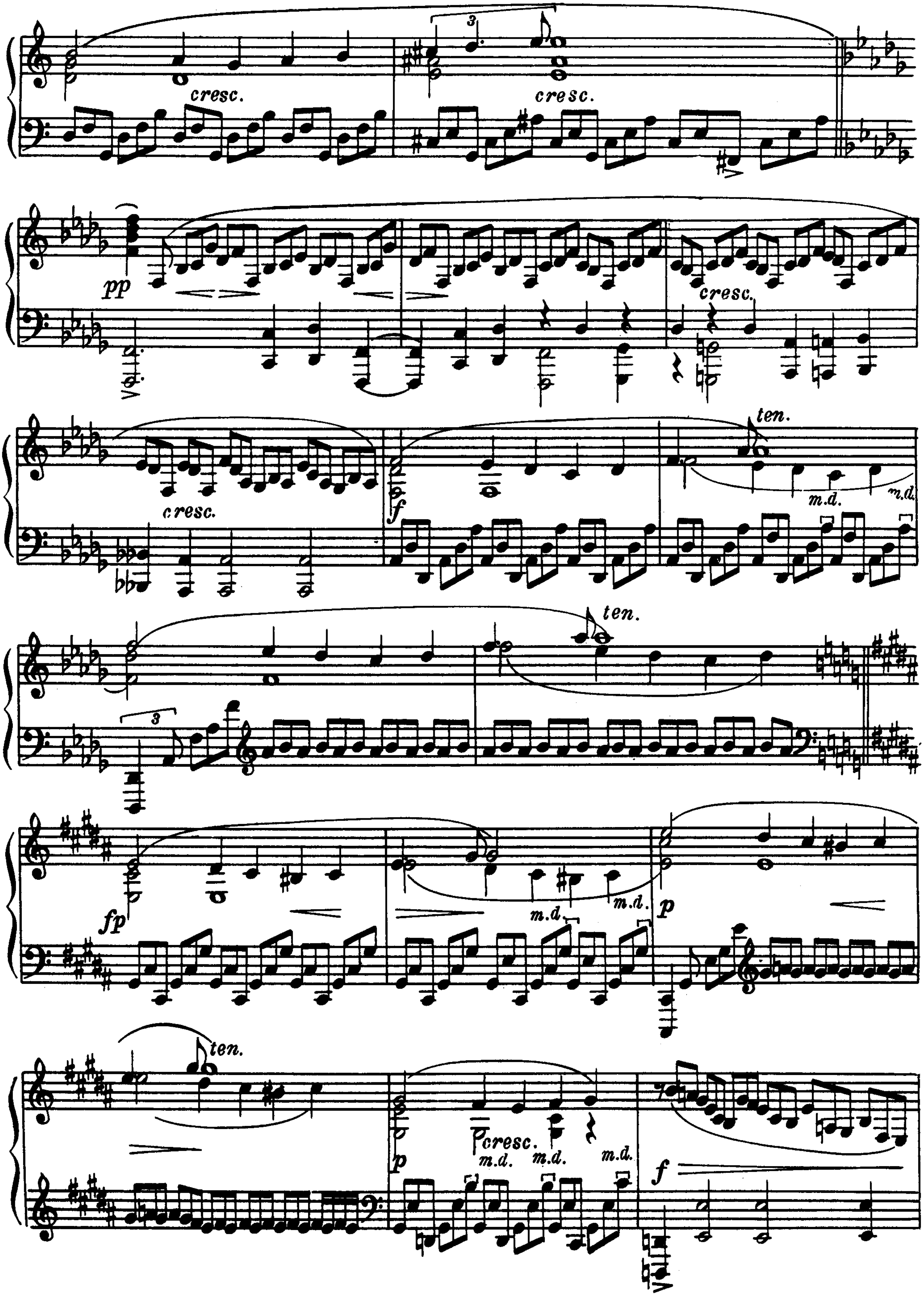
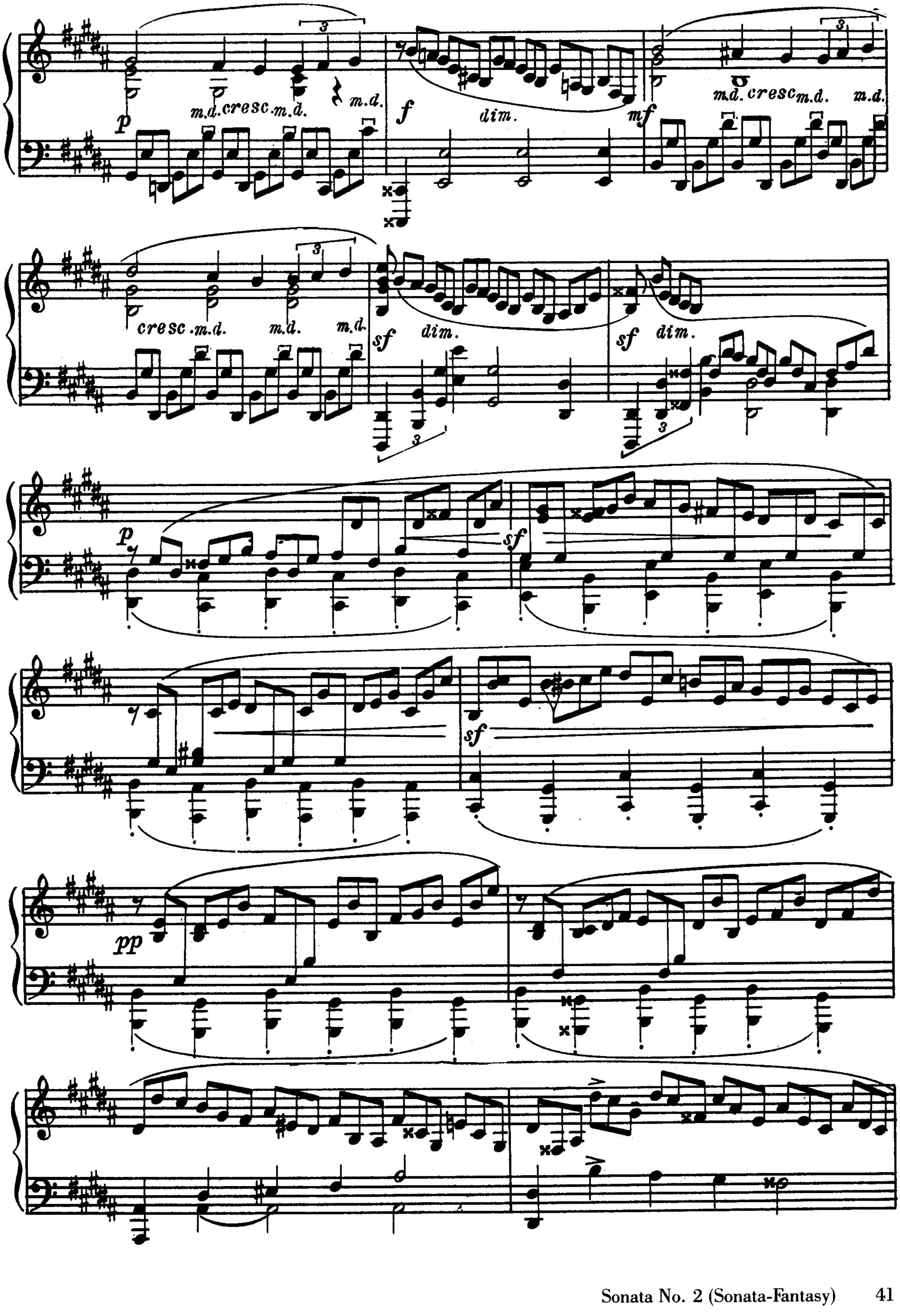
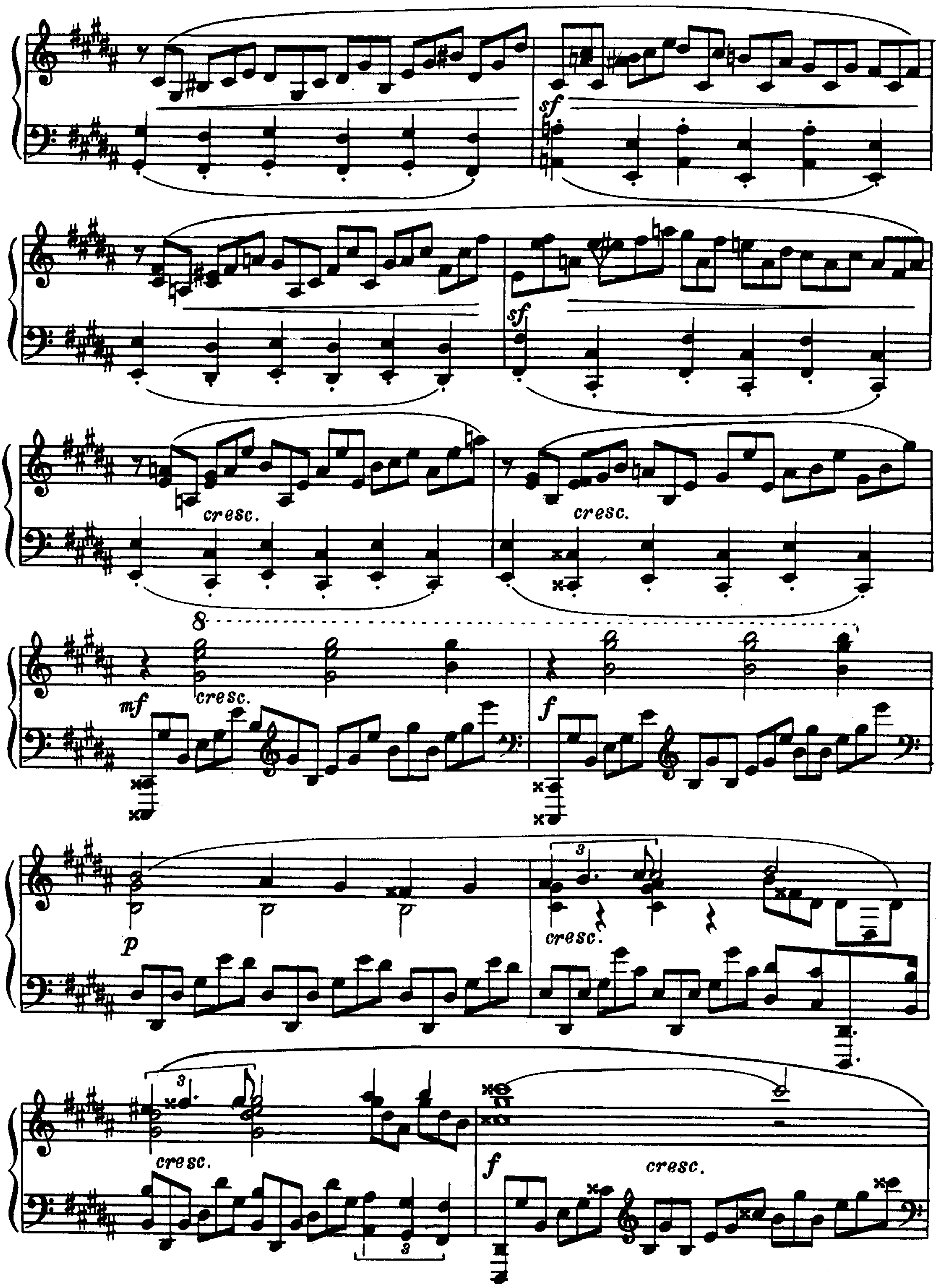
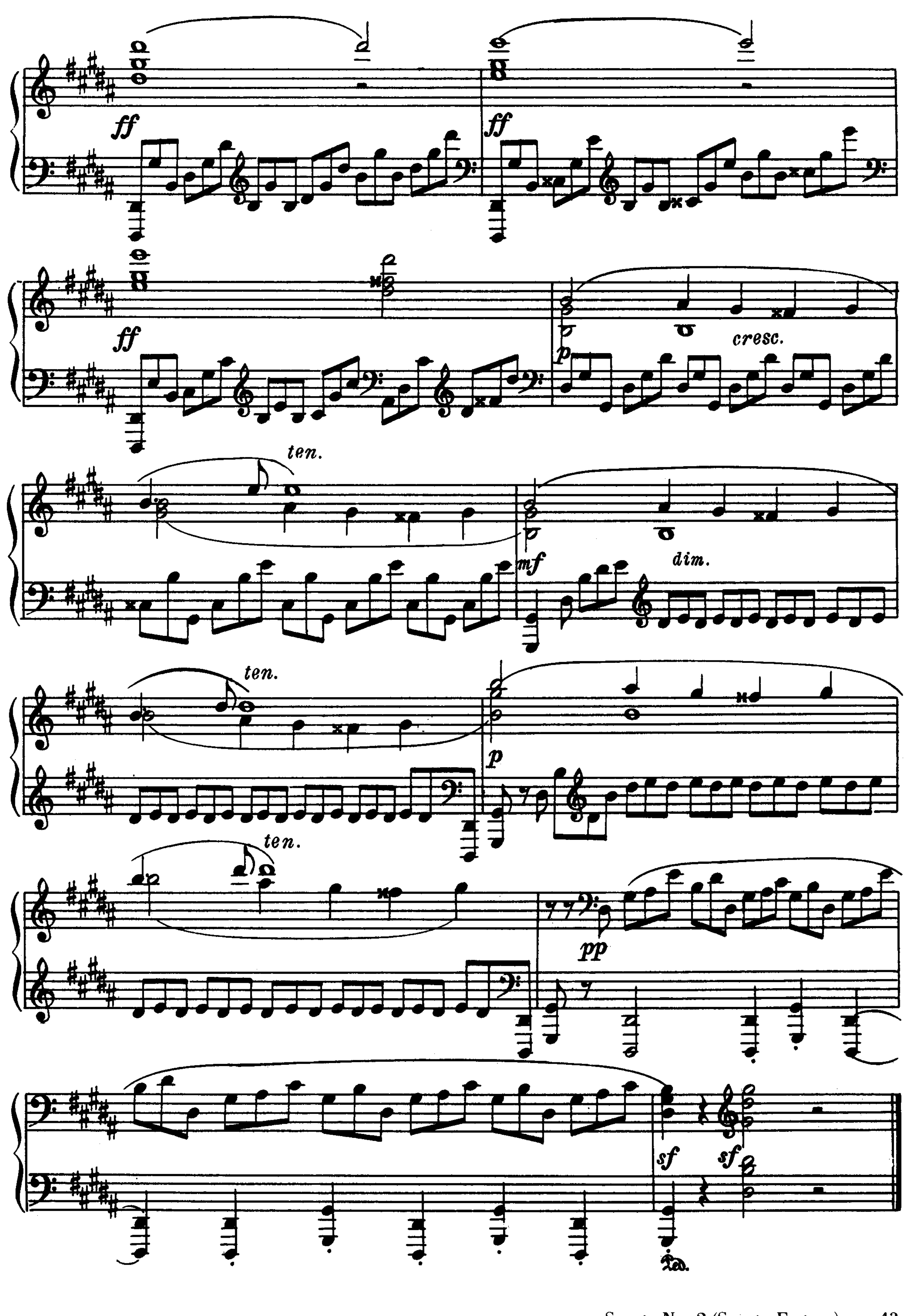
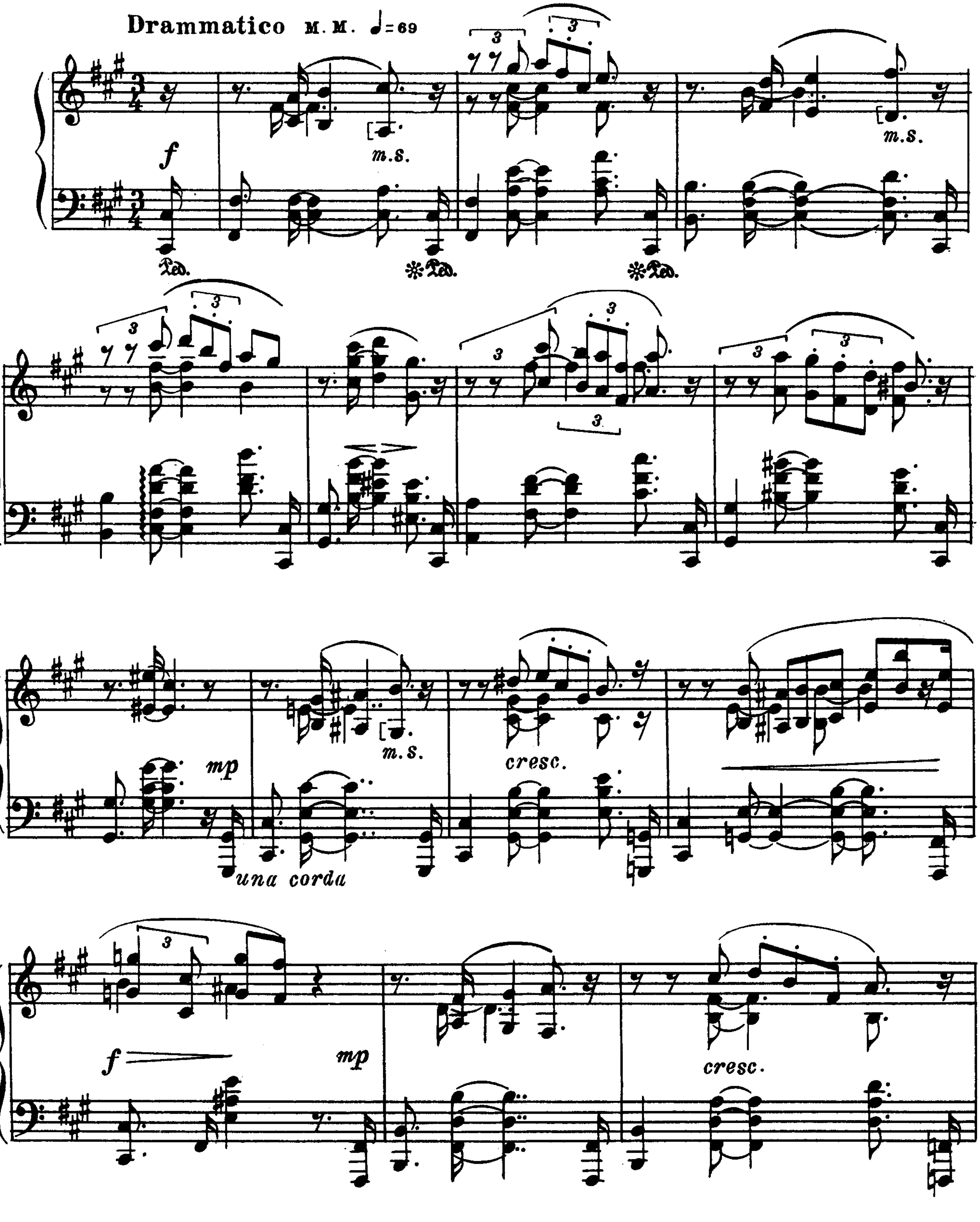
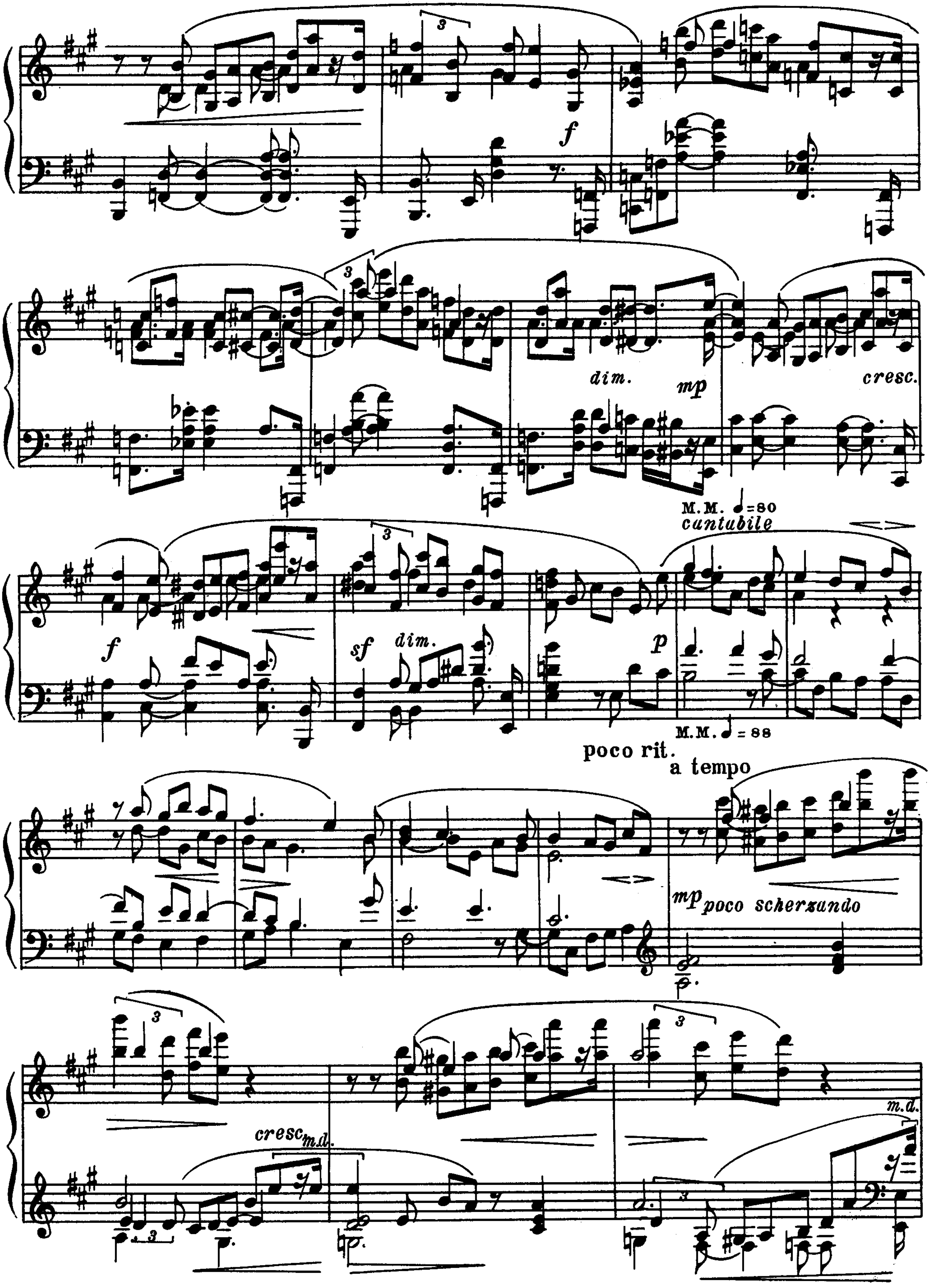
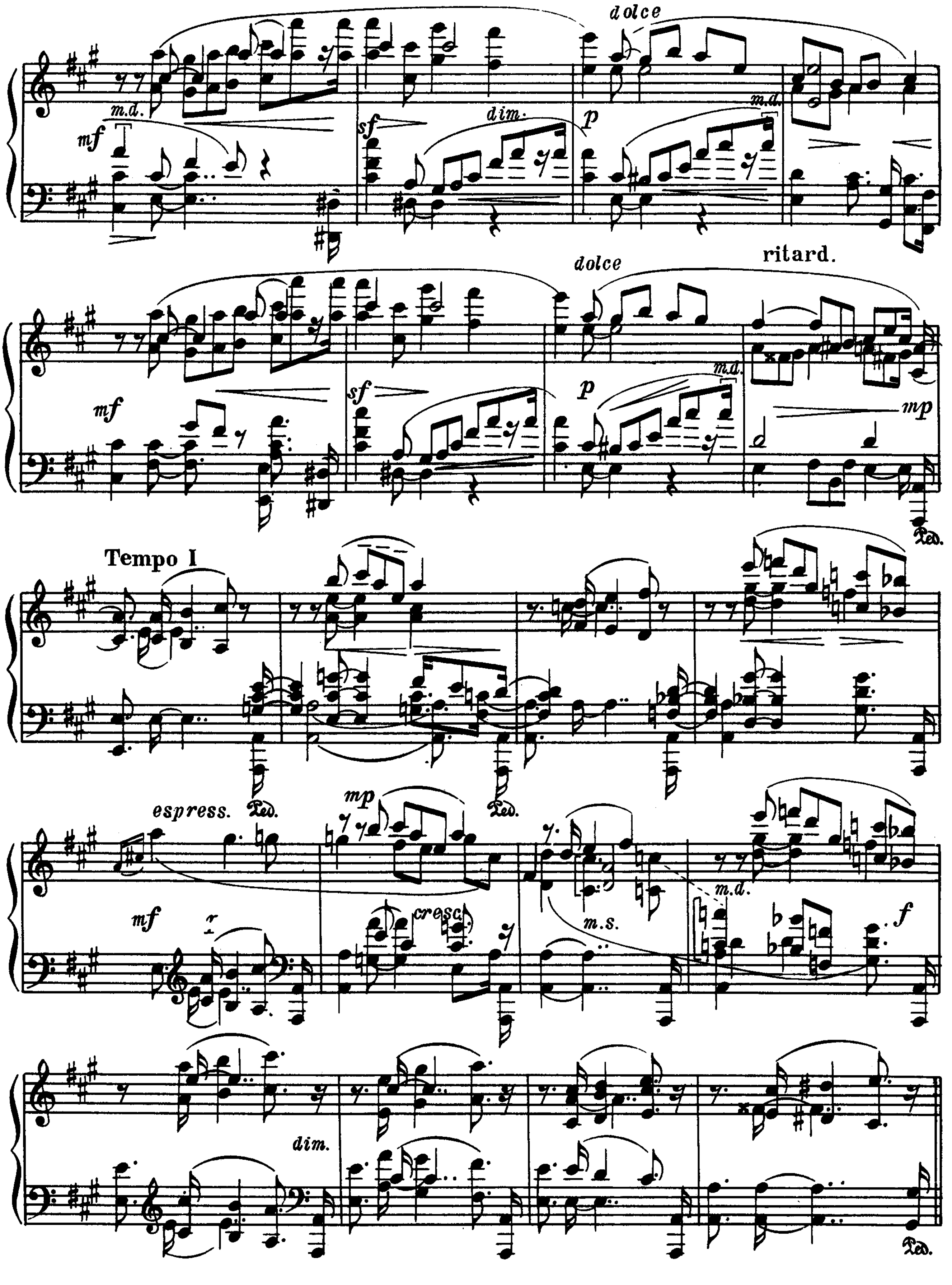
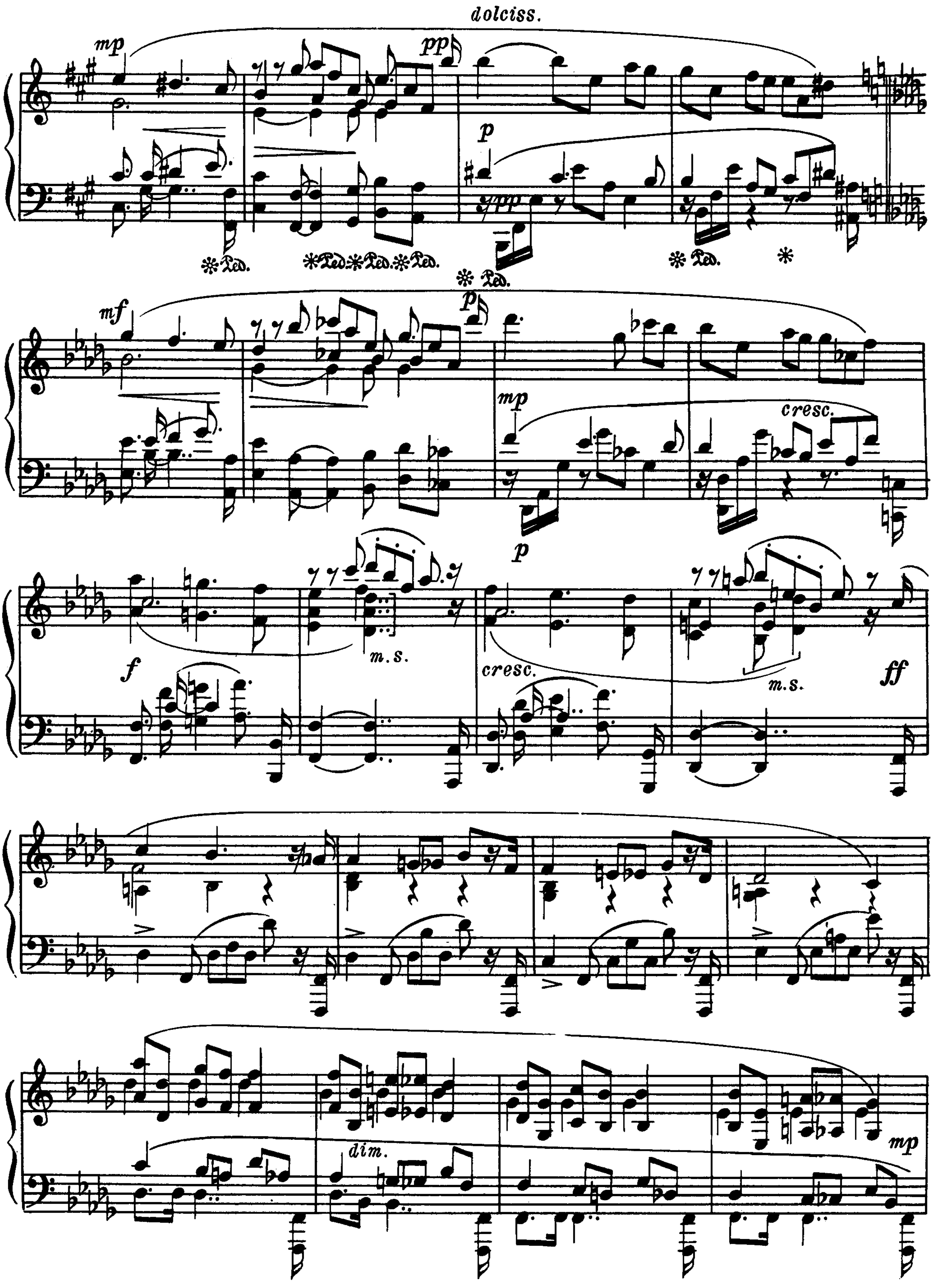
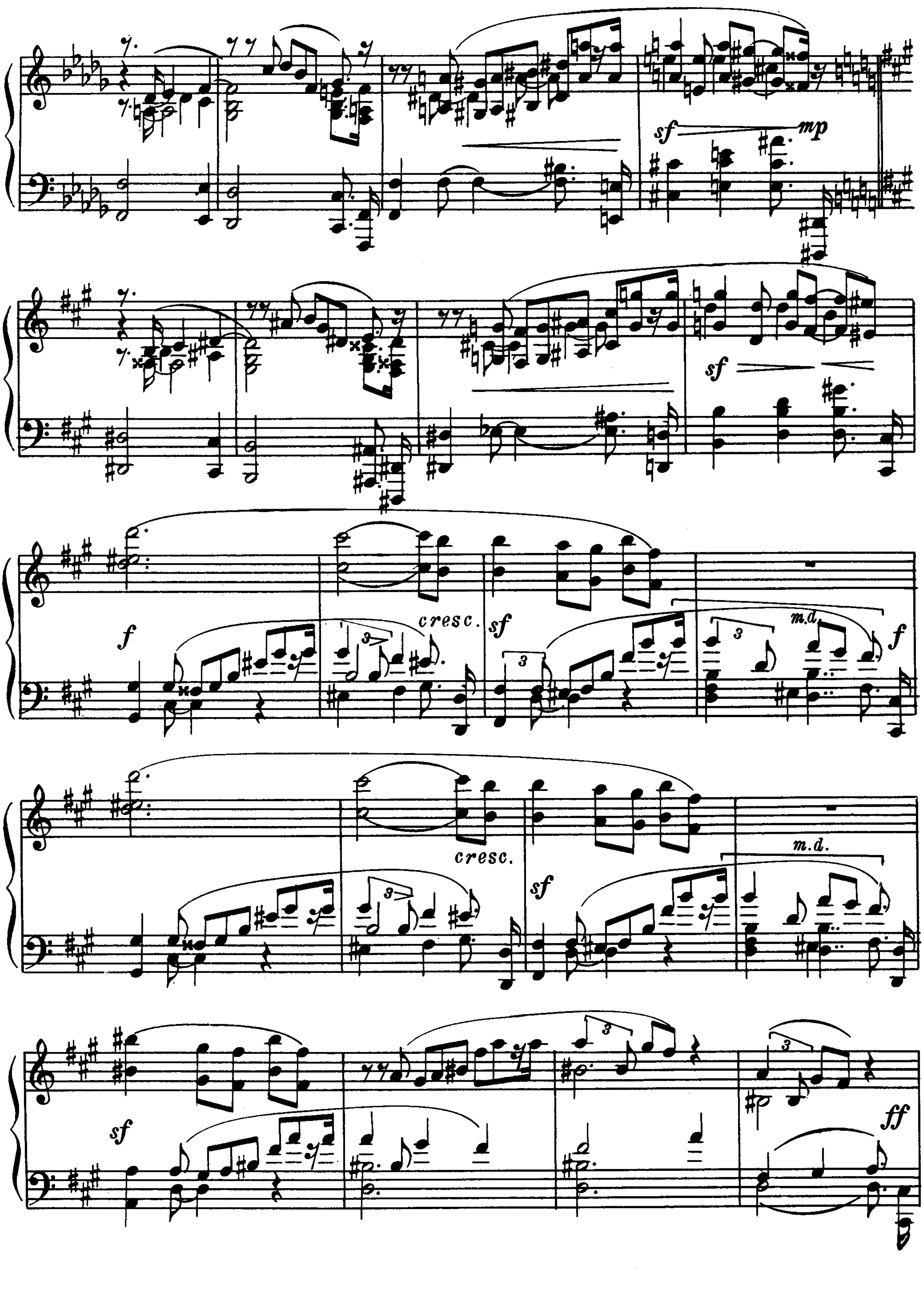
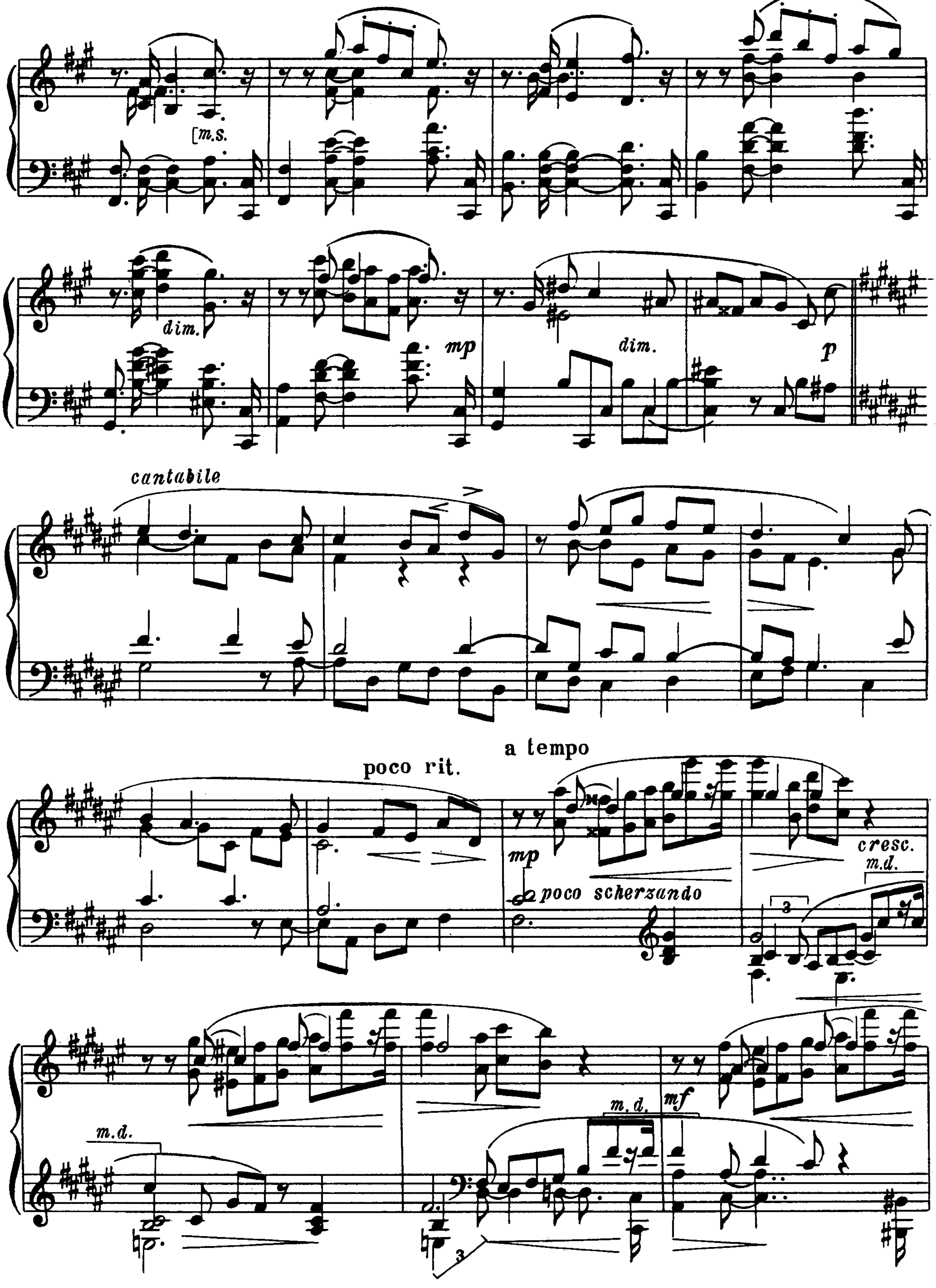
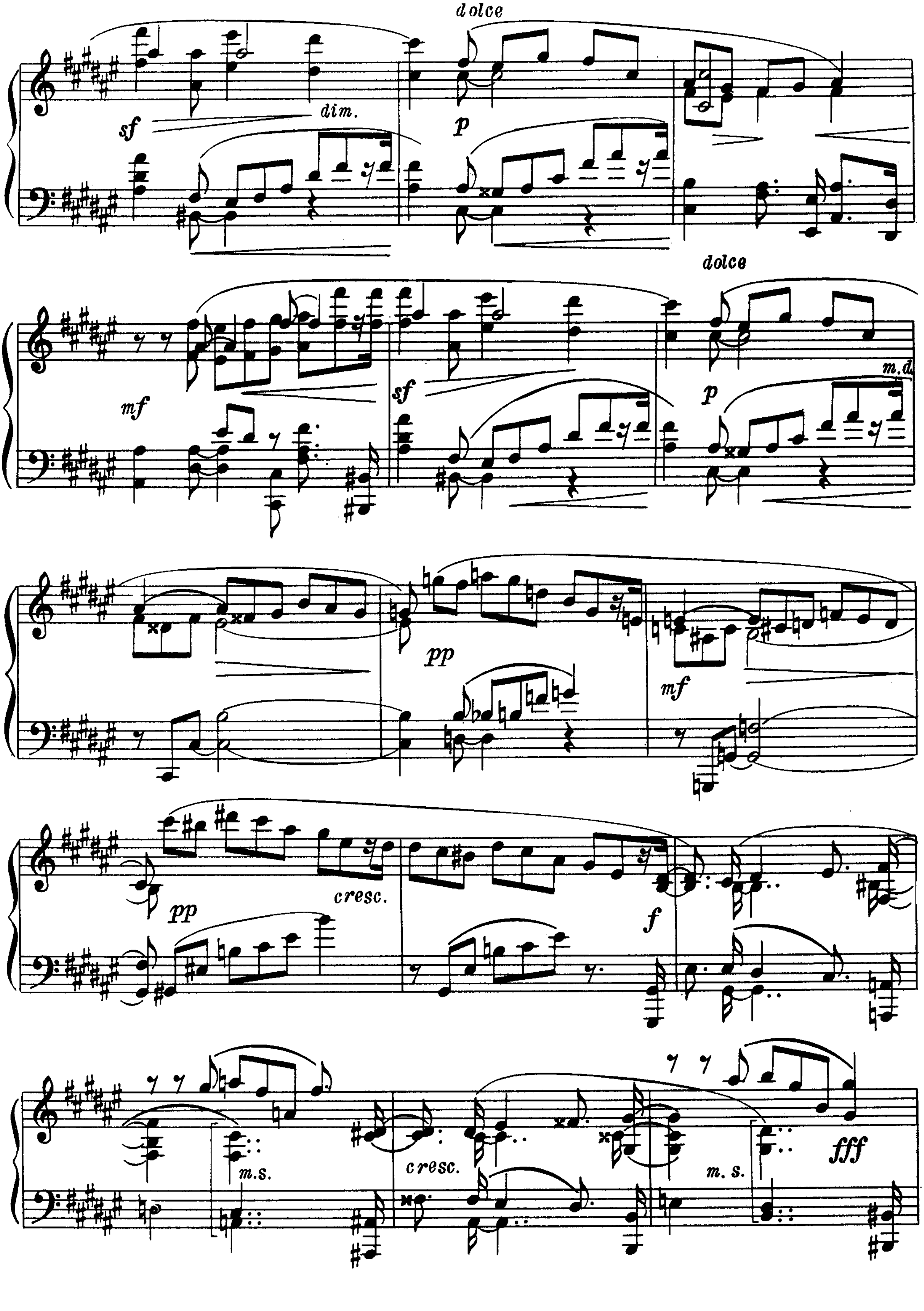
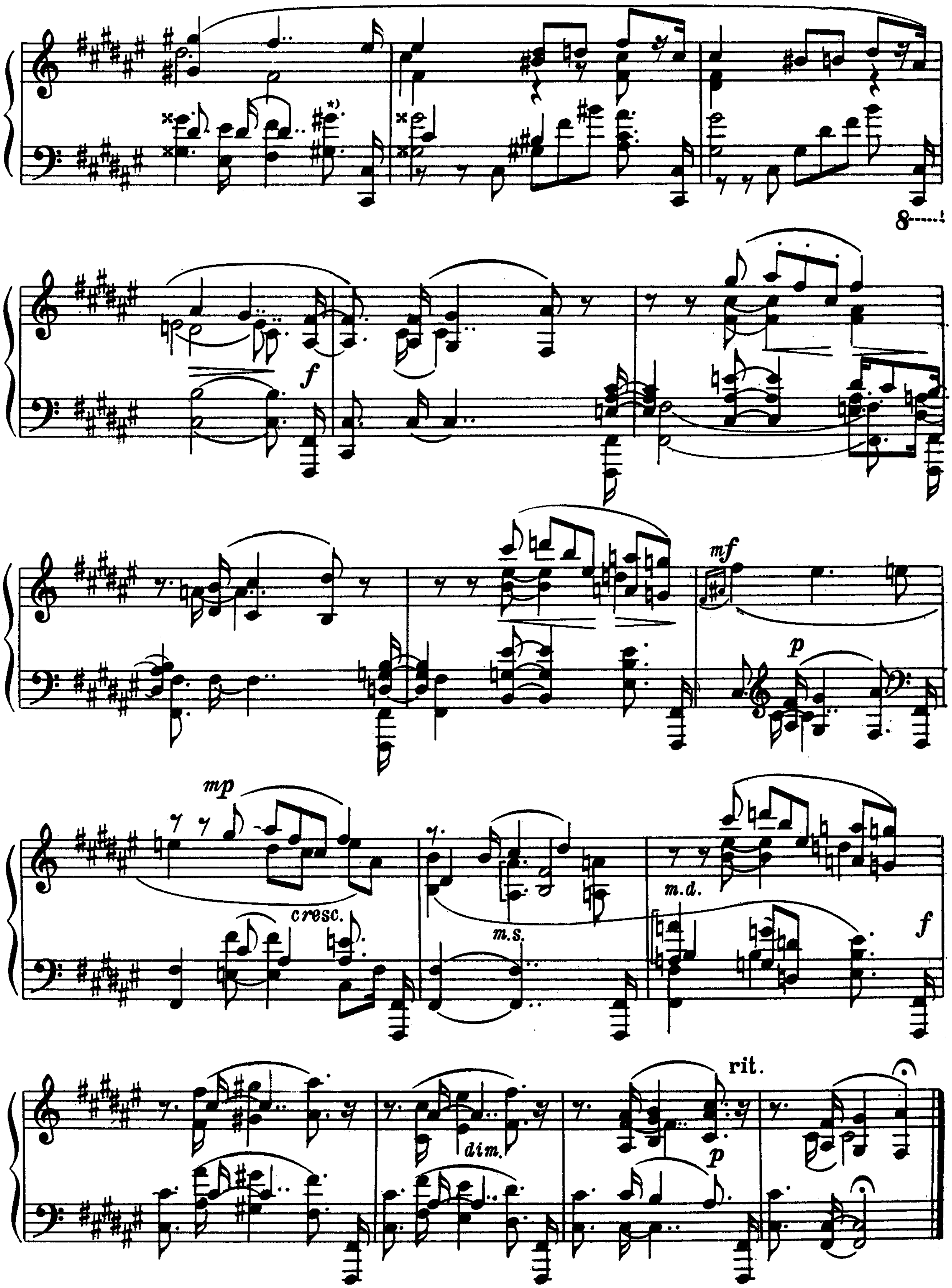
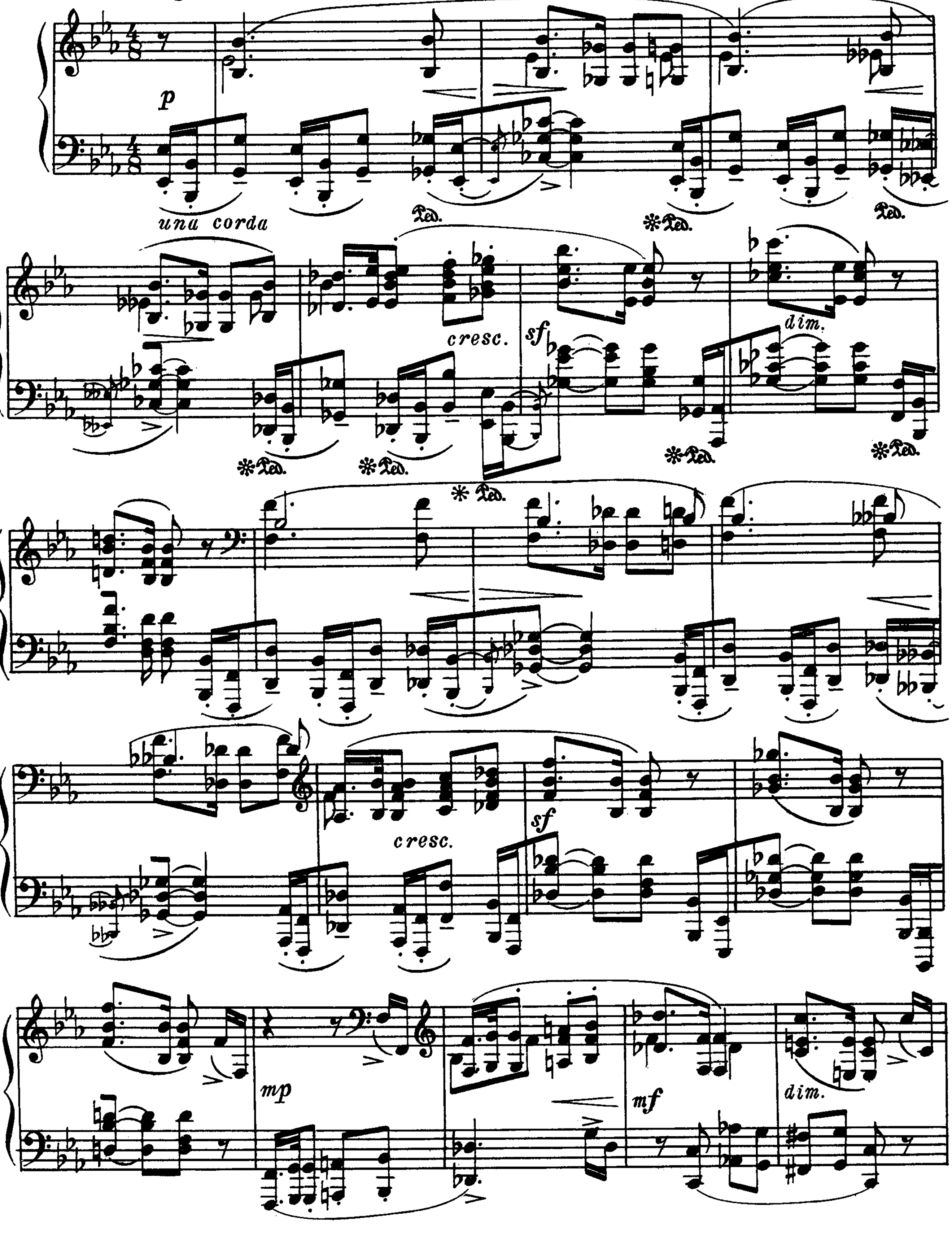
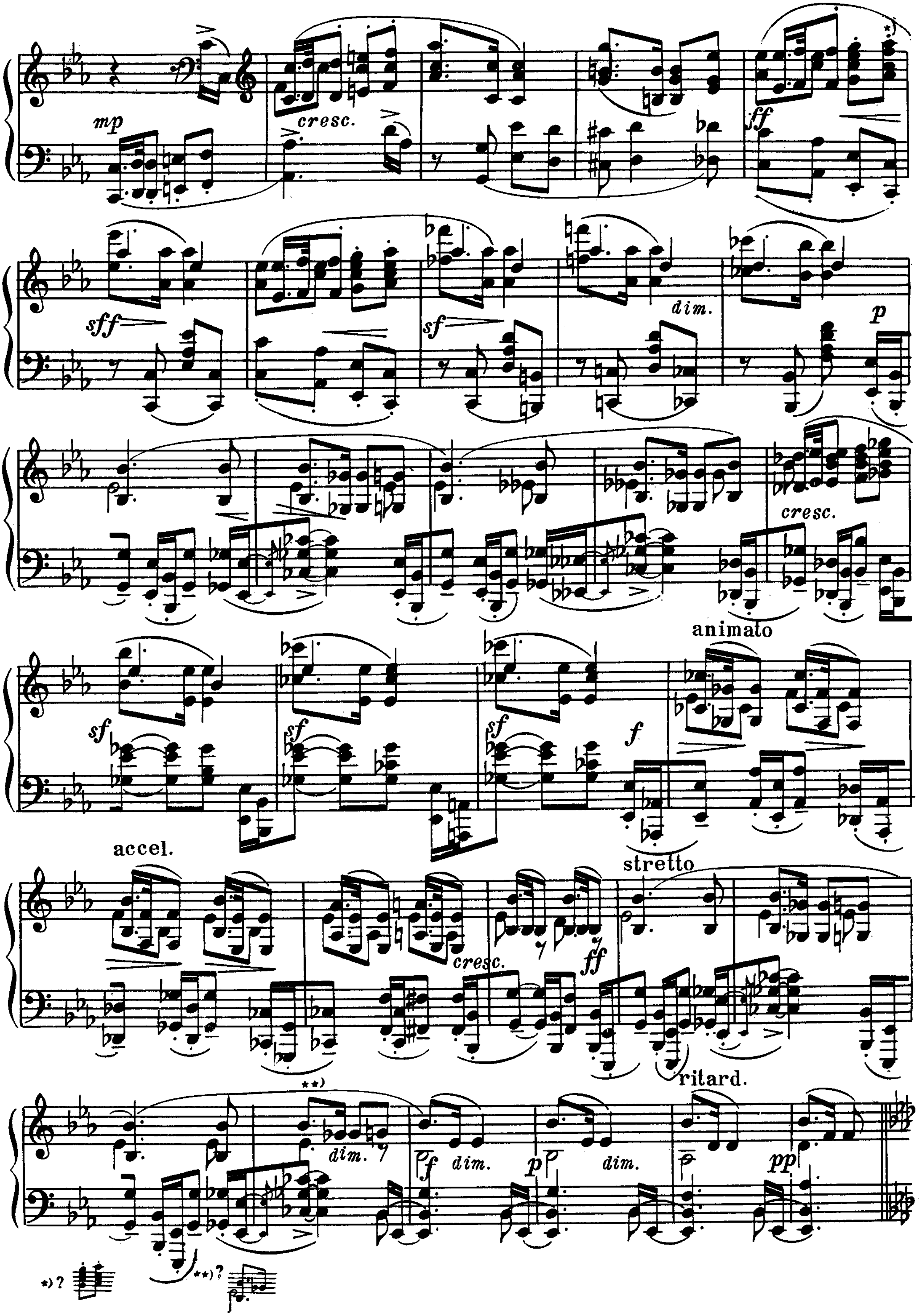
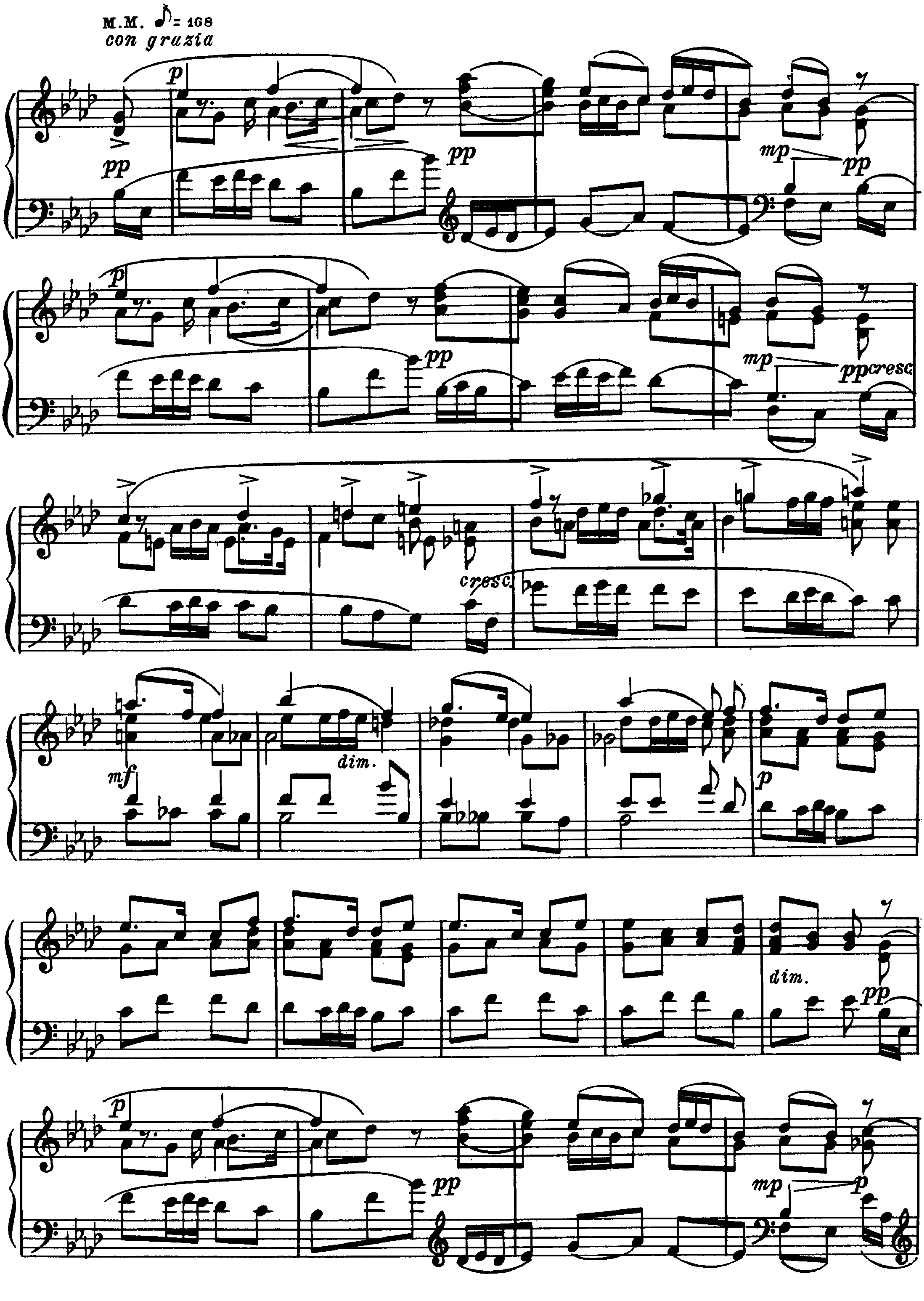
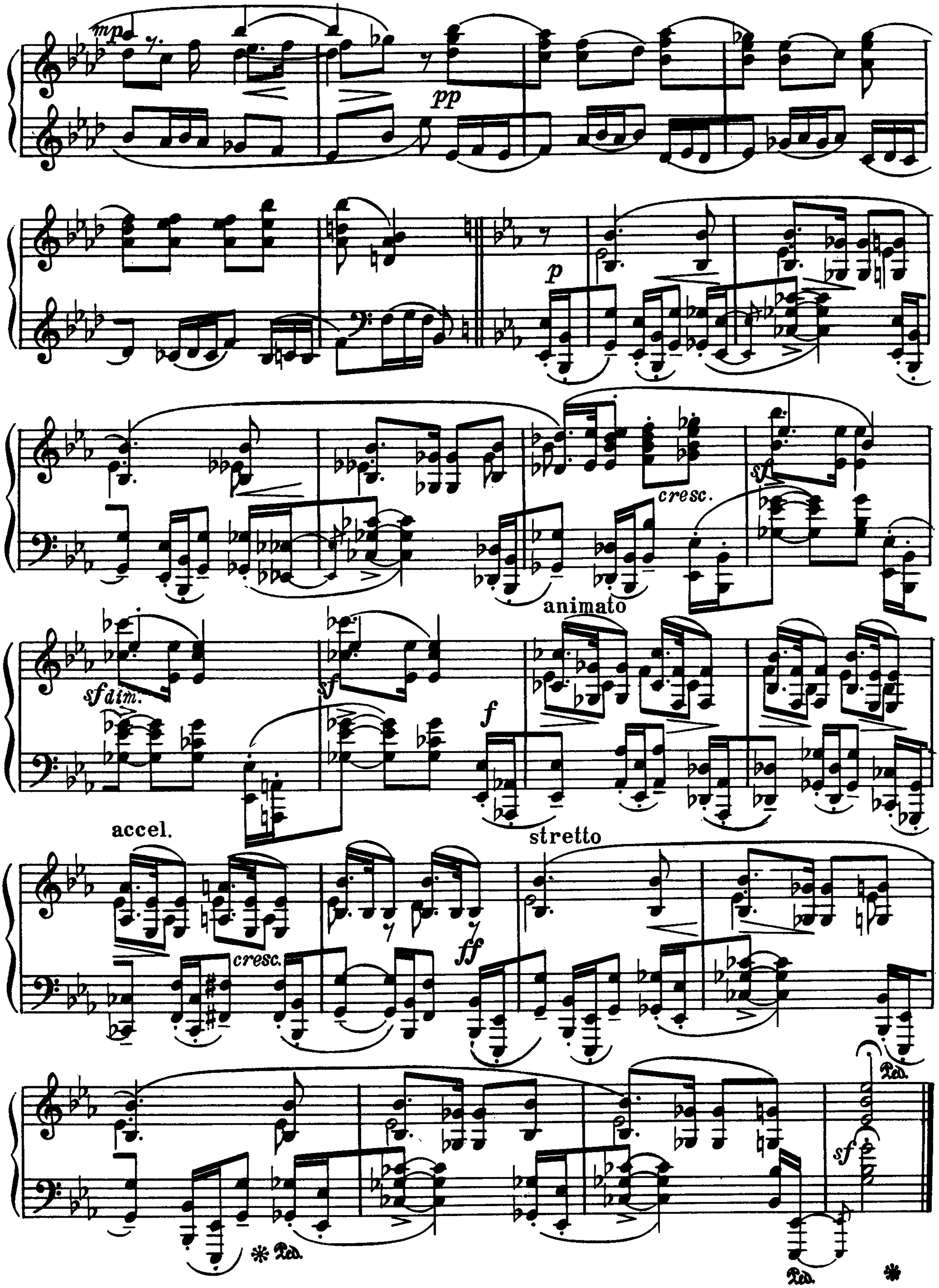
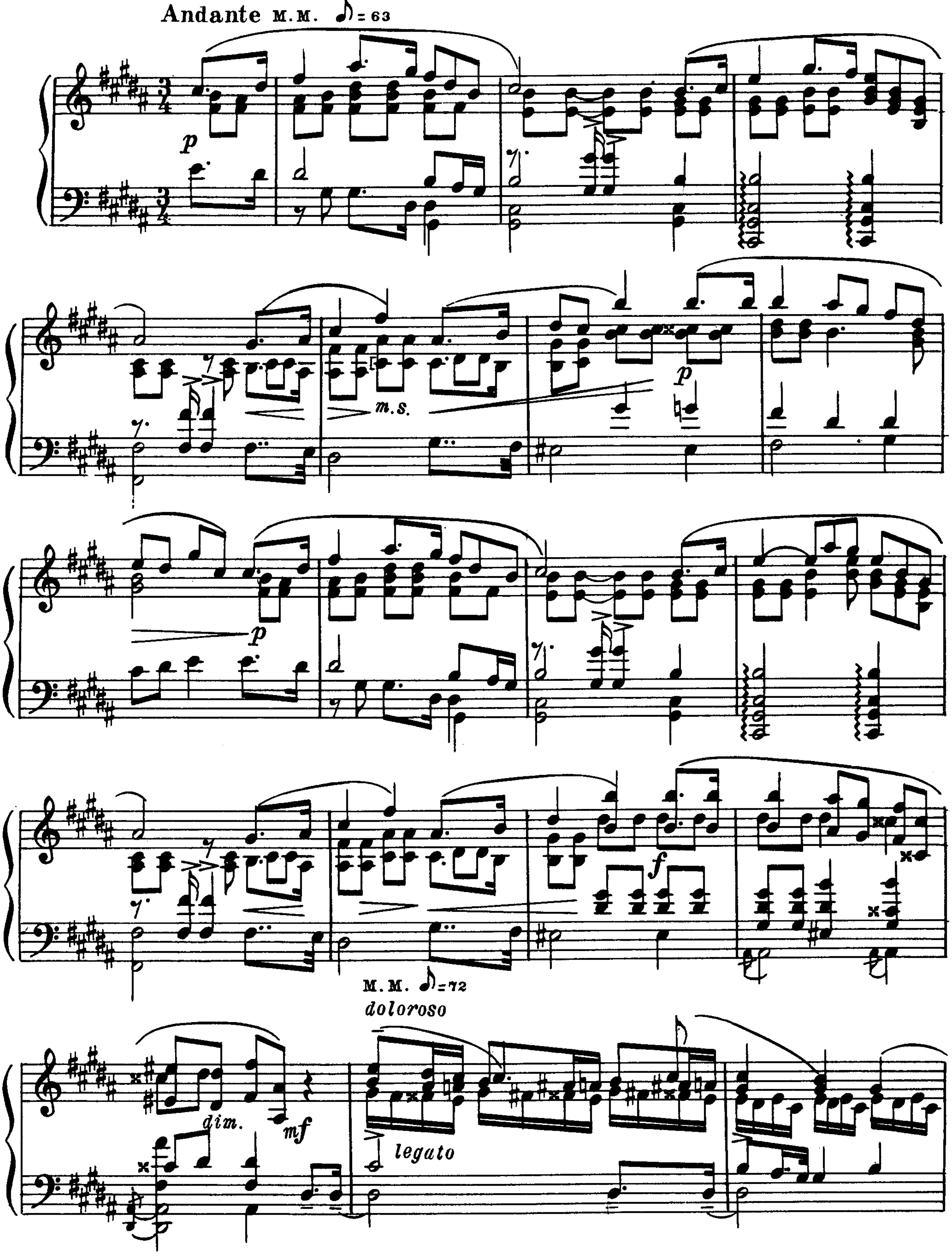
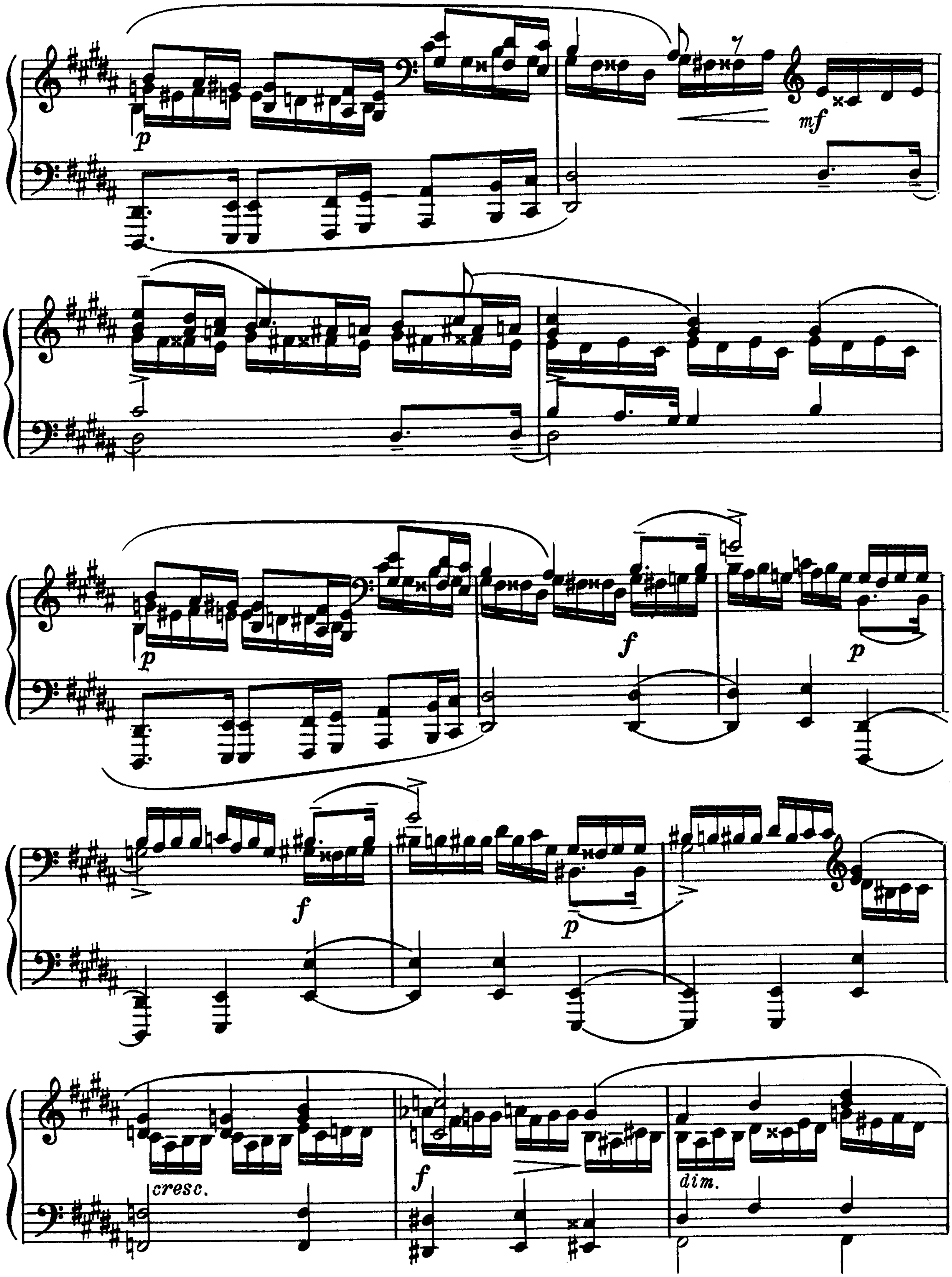
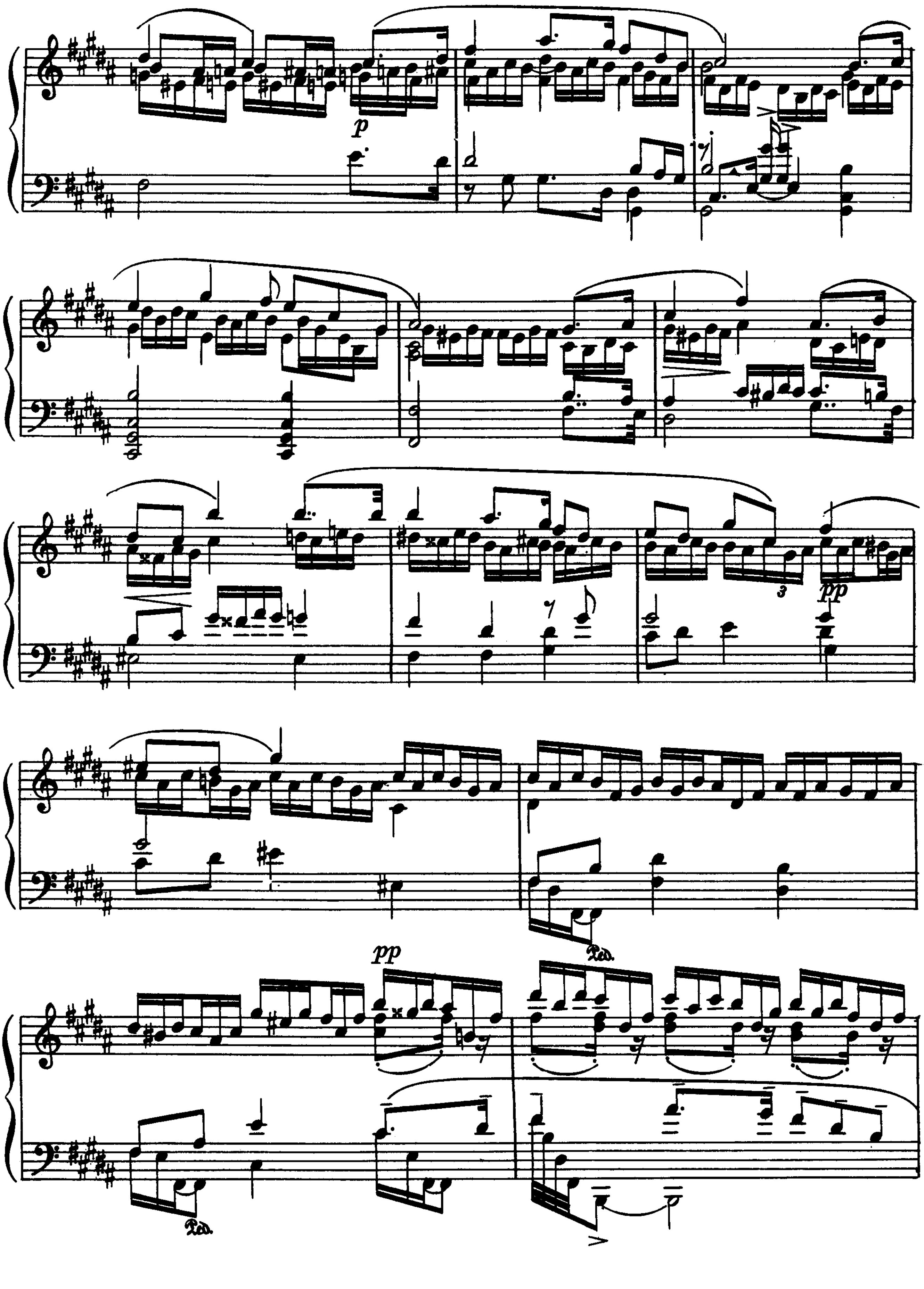
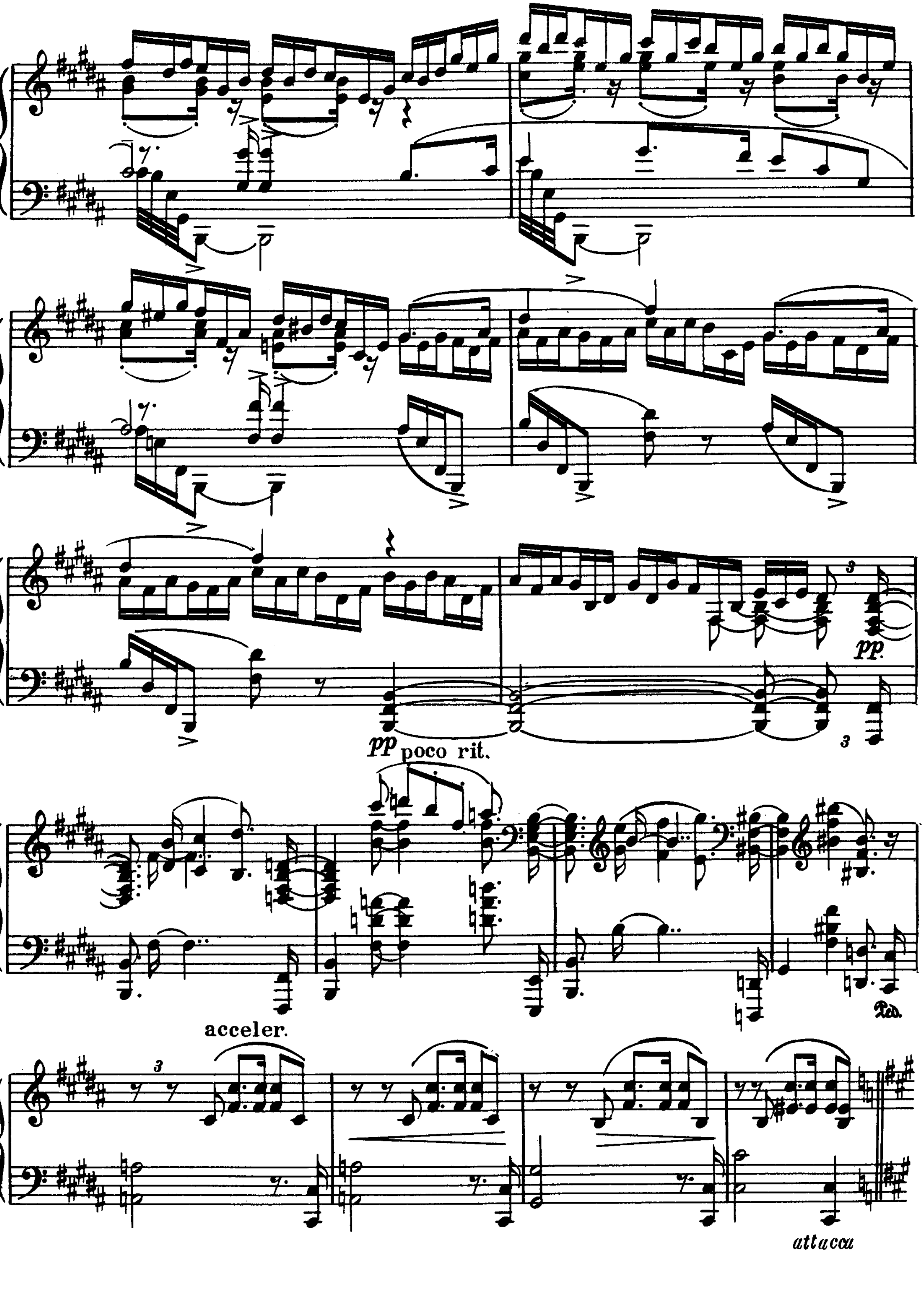

3
cresc.
cresc.
pp
cresc.
cresc.
f
ten.
m.d.
m.d.
3
ten.
fp
m.d.
m.d.
p
ten.
p
cresc.
m.d.
m.d.
m.d.
f

p
m.d. cresc. m.d.
m.d.
f
dim.
mf
m.d. cresc m.d.
m.d.
cresc. m.d.
m.d.
m.d.
sf
dim.
sf
dim.
p
sf
sf
pp

sf
sf
cresc.
cresc.
8
mf
cresc.
f
p
3
cresc.
3
cresc.
3
f
cresc.

ff
ff
ff
p
cresc.
ten.
mf
dim.
ten.
p
ten.
pp
sf
sf

Sonata No. 3 in F-sharp Minor, Op. 23

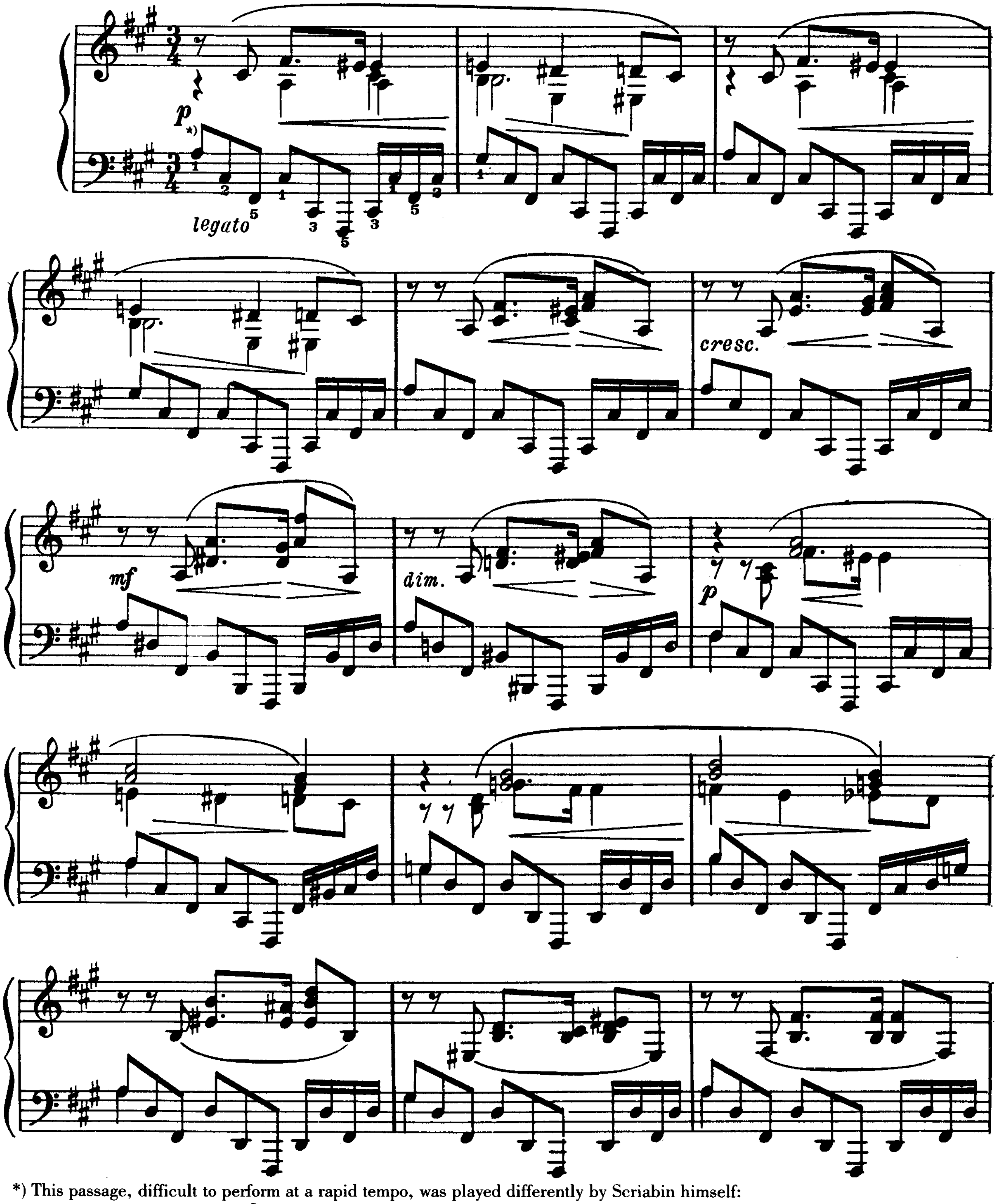
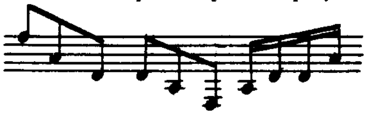
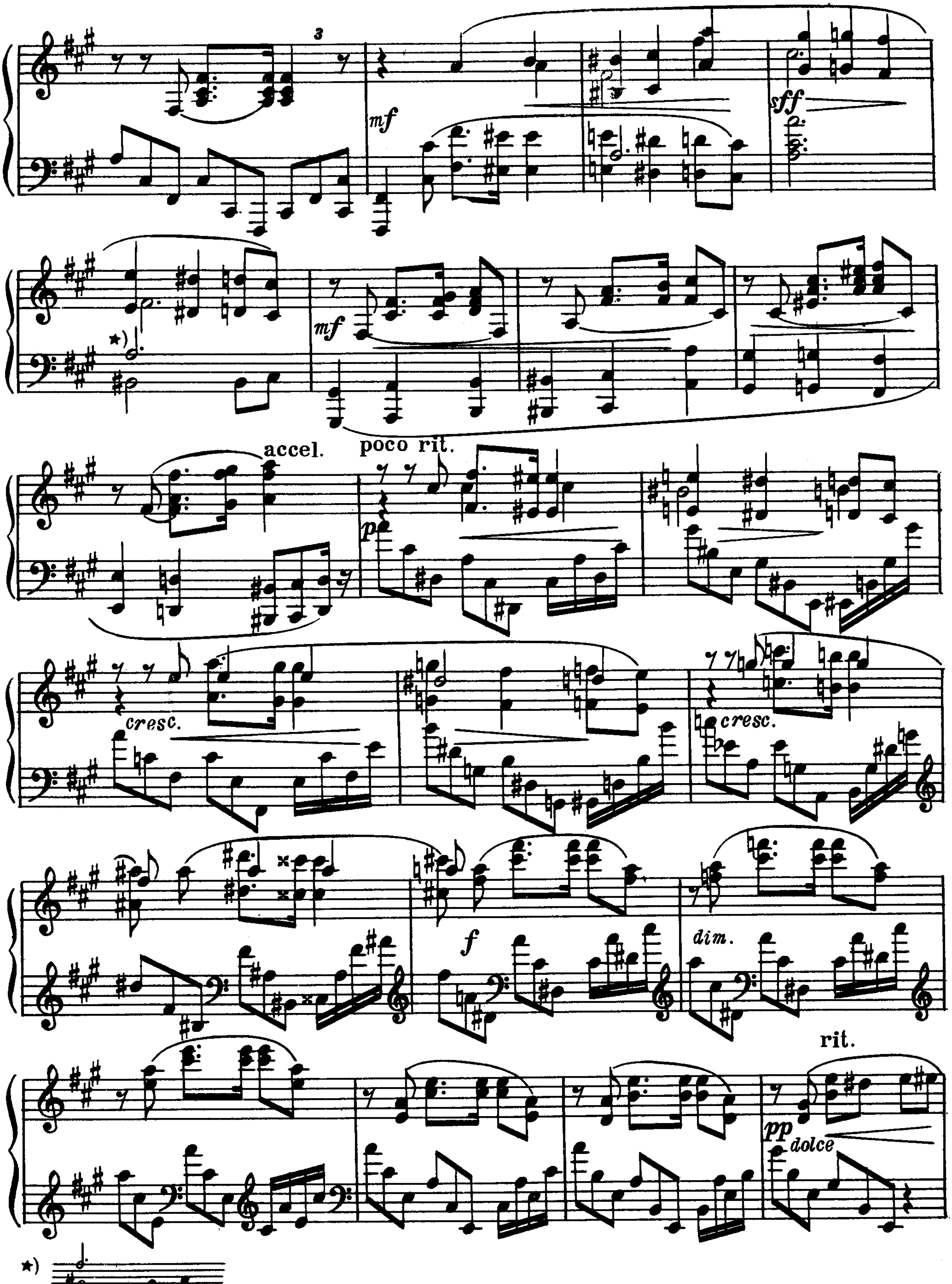
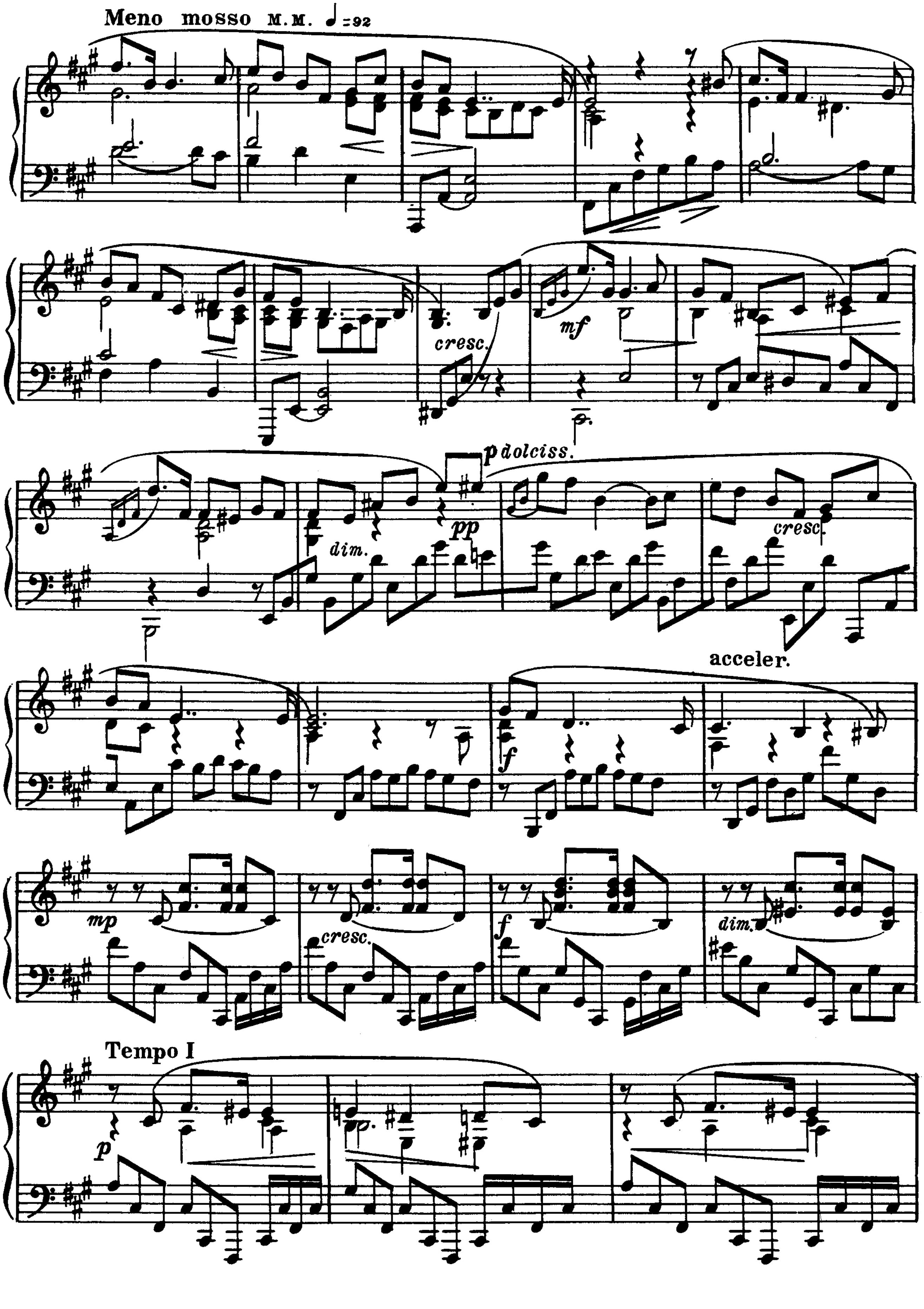
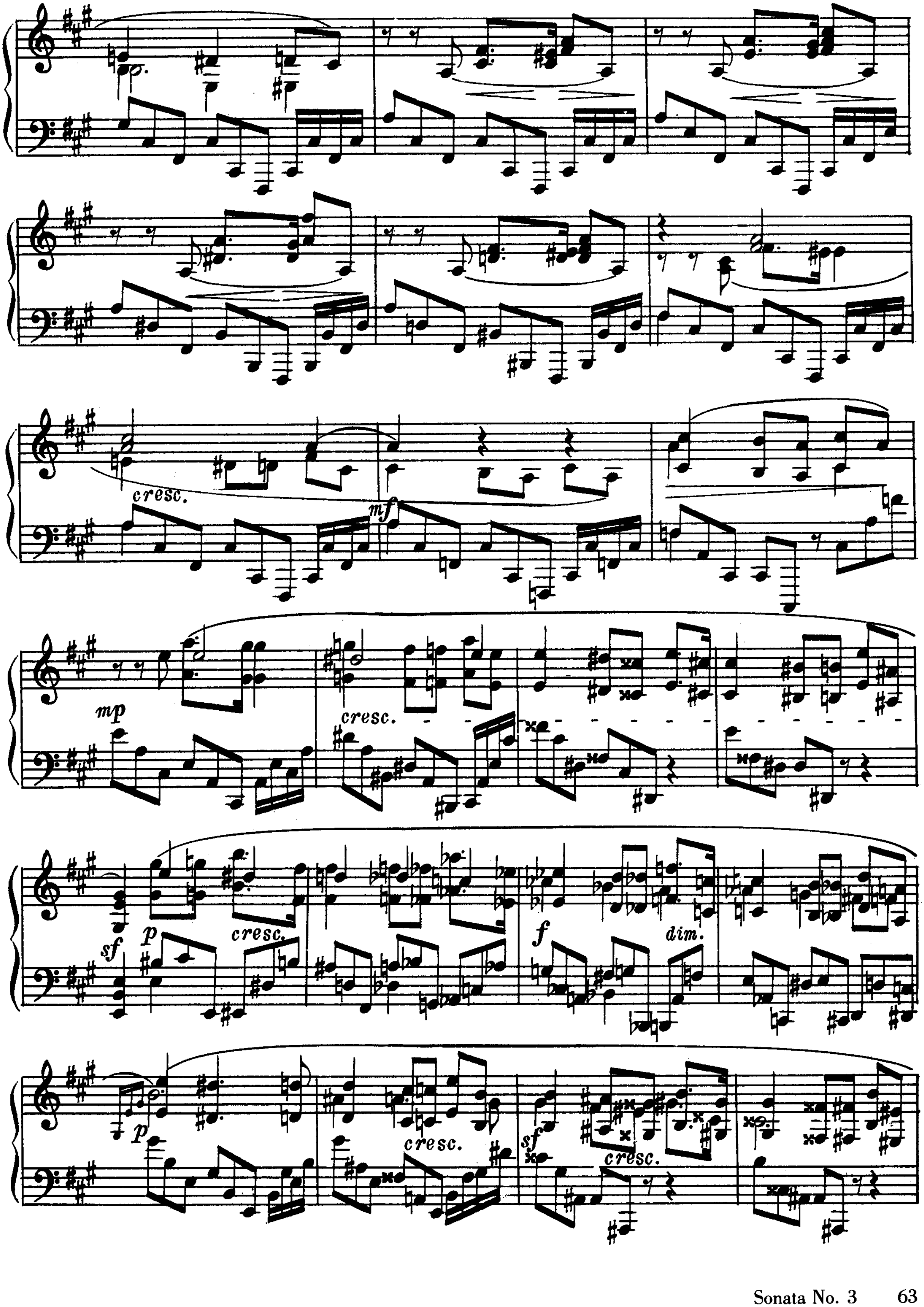
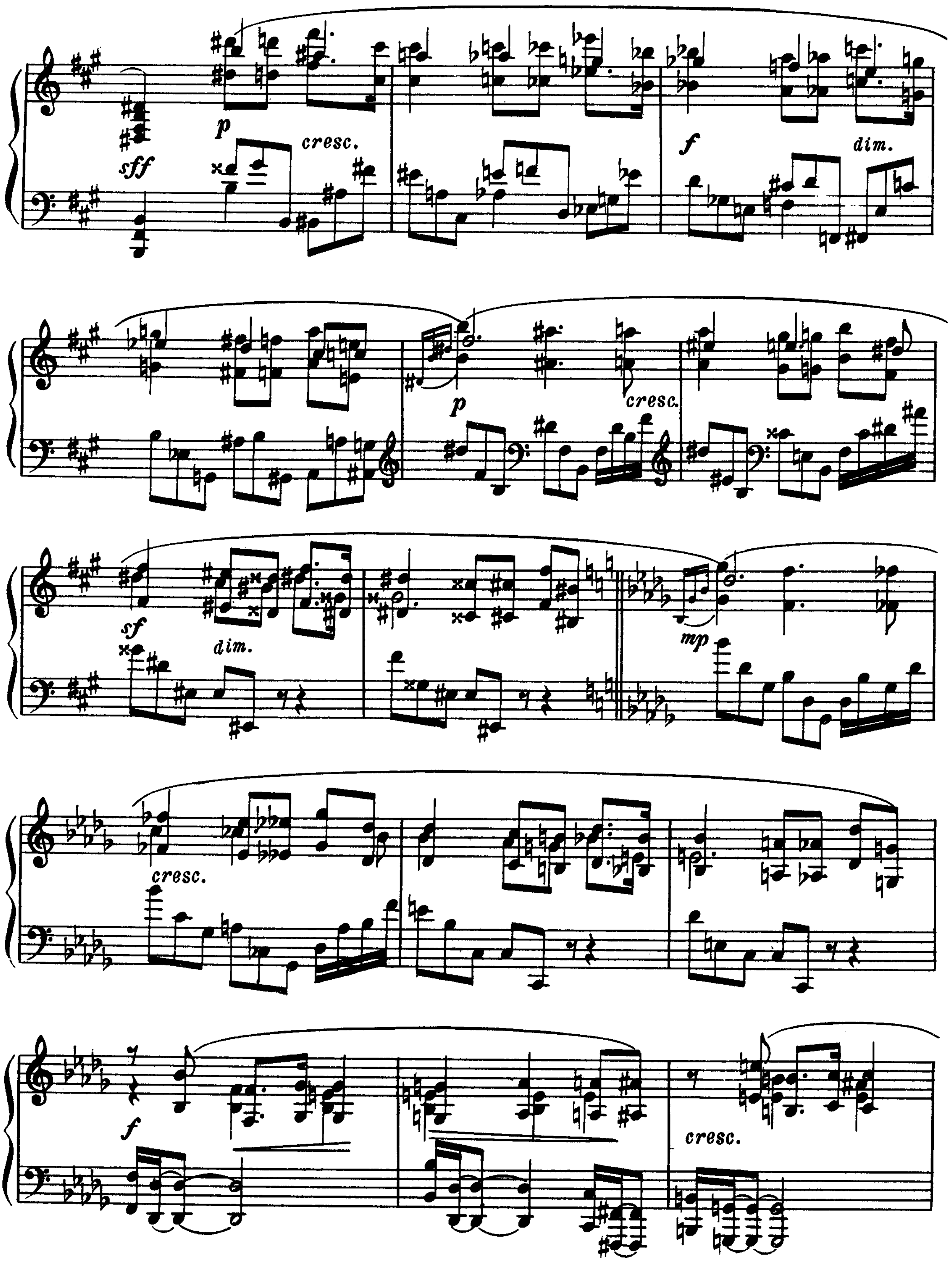
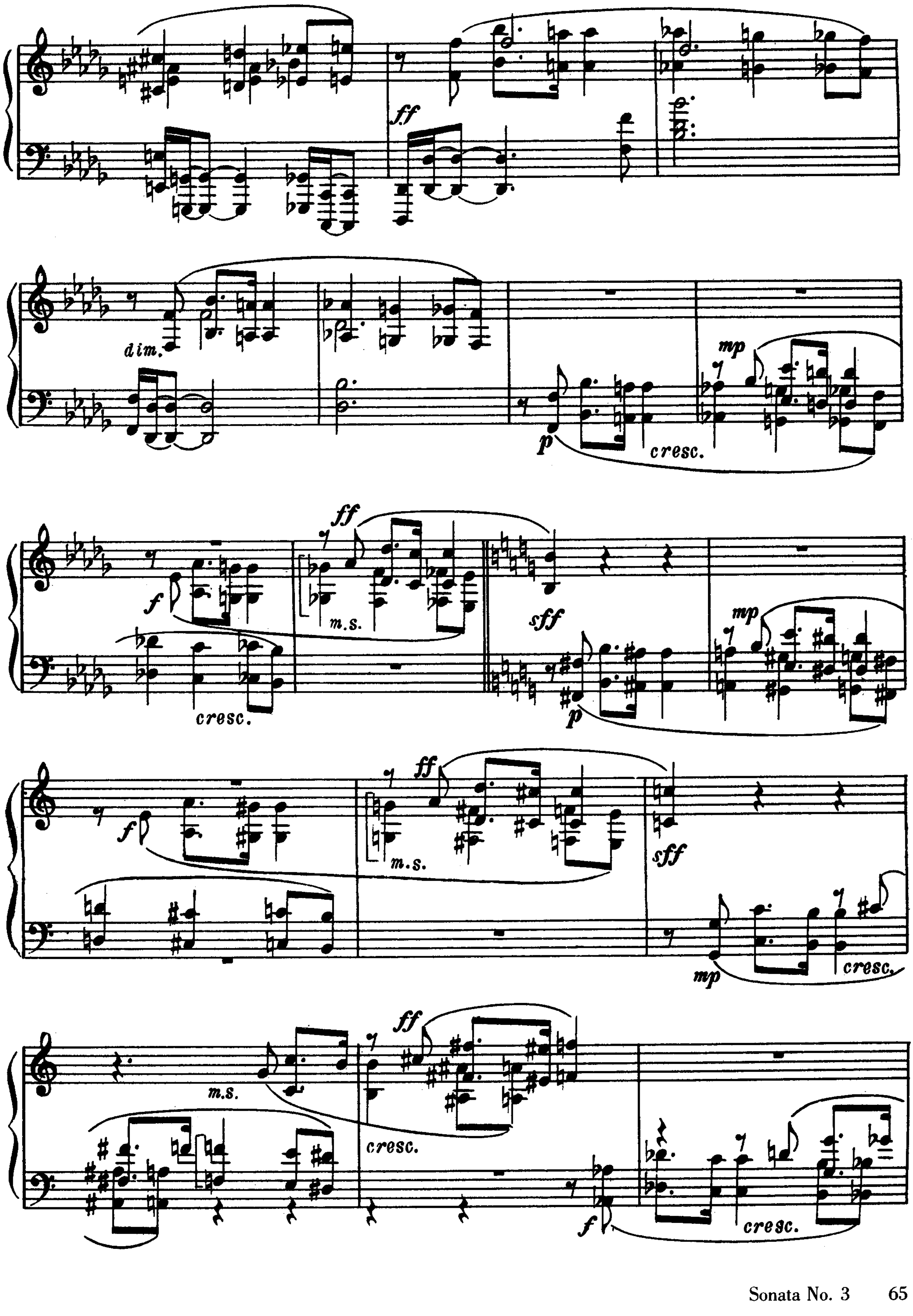
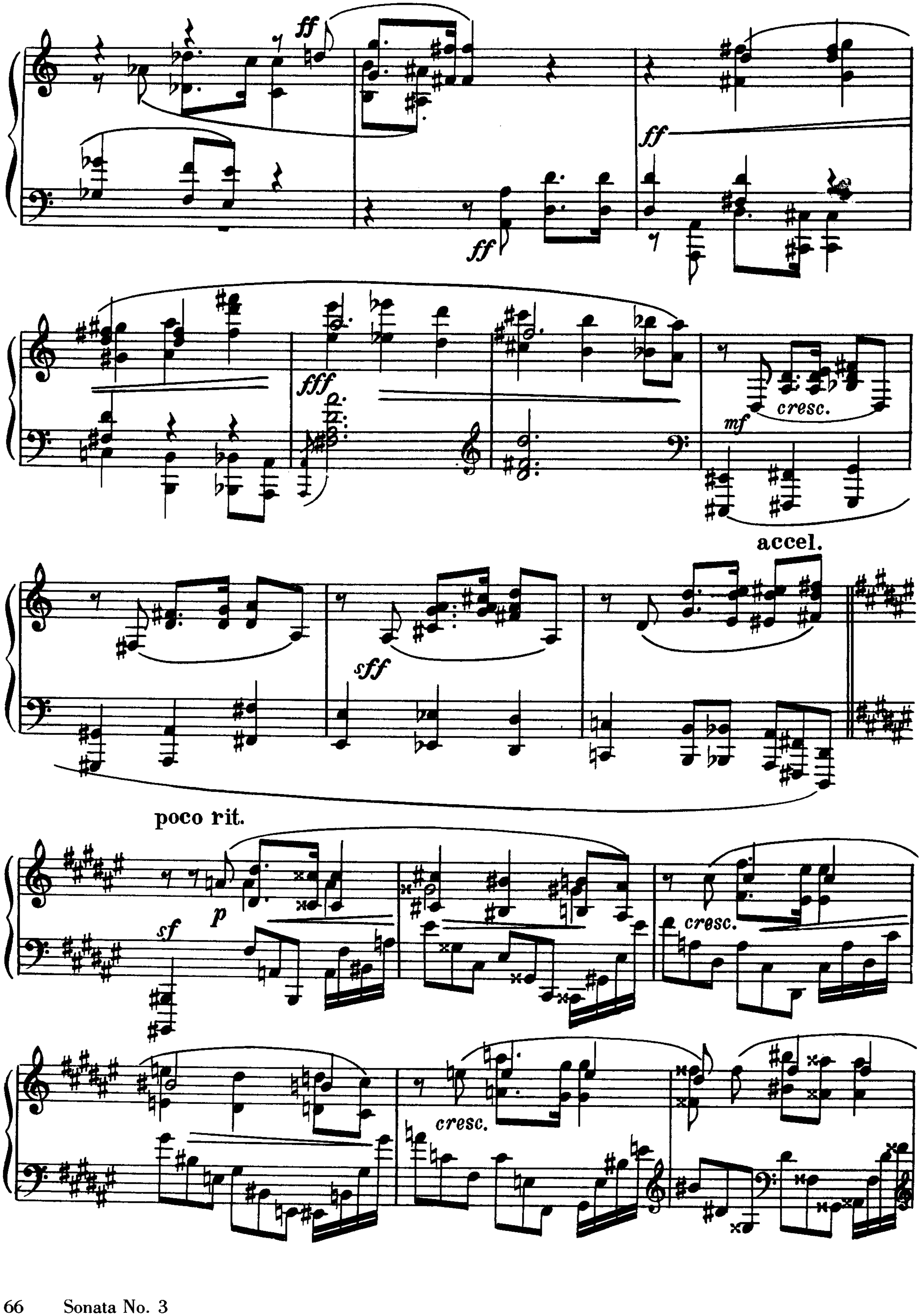
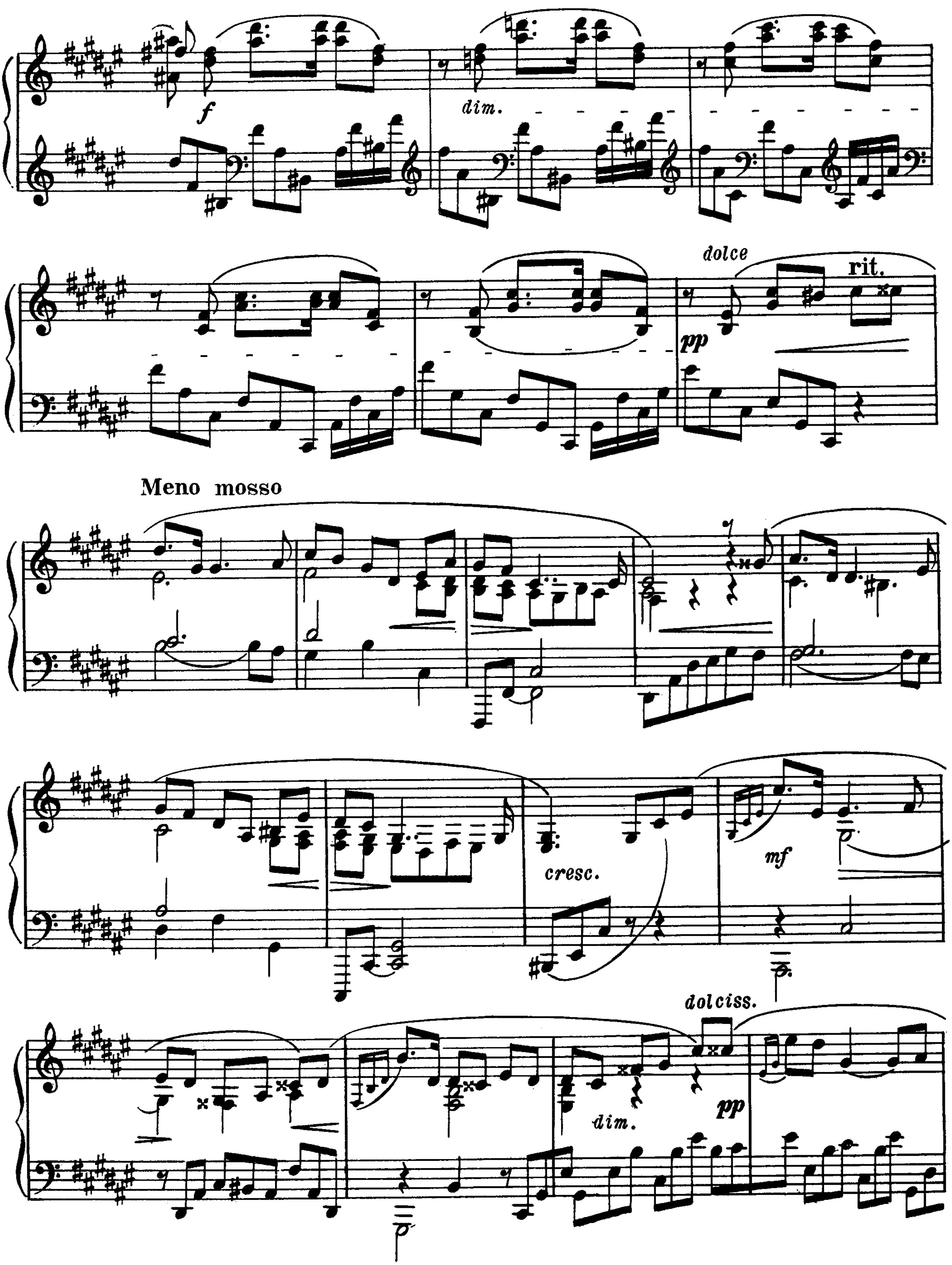
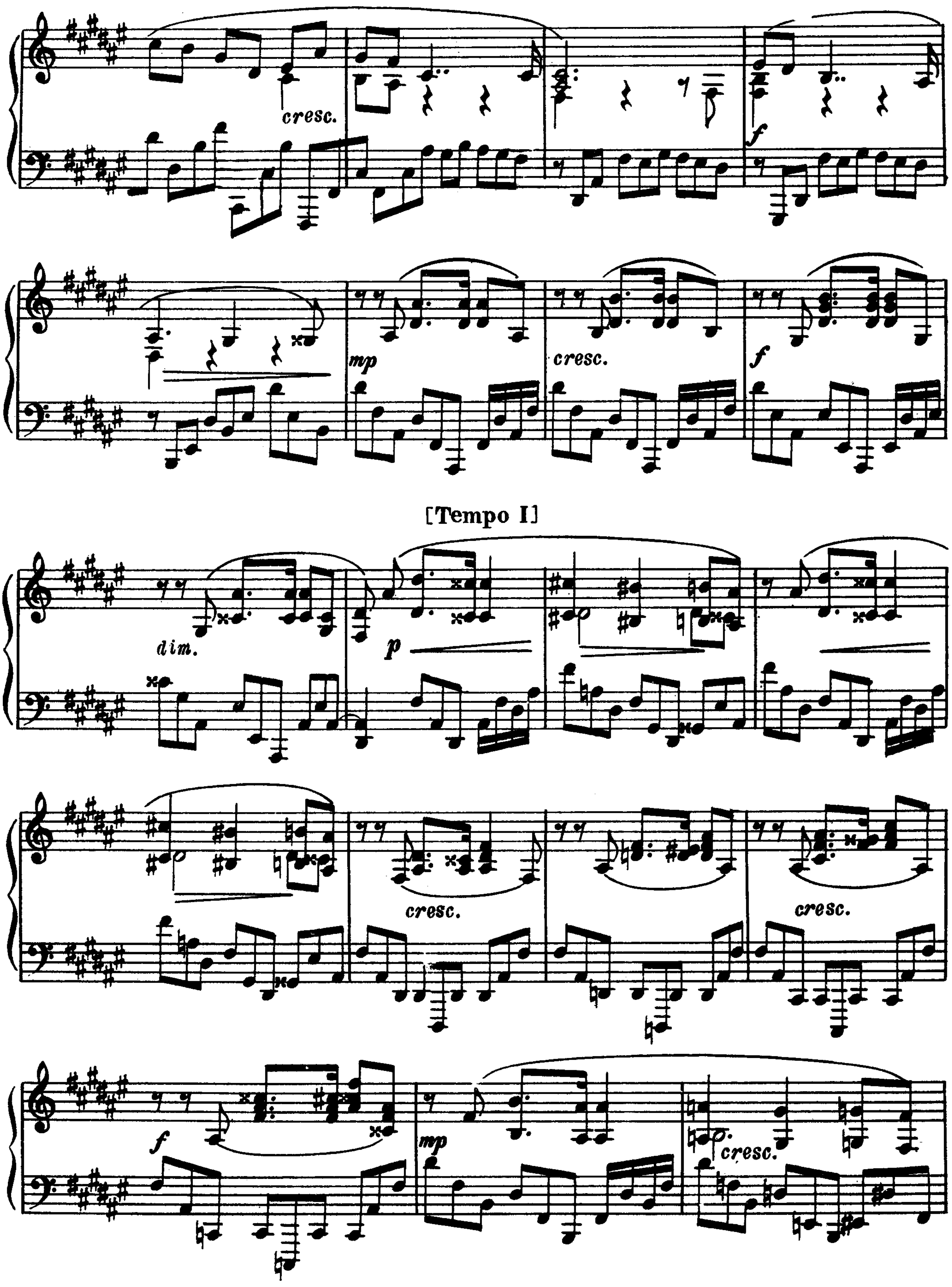
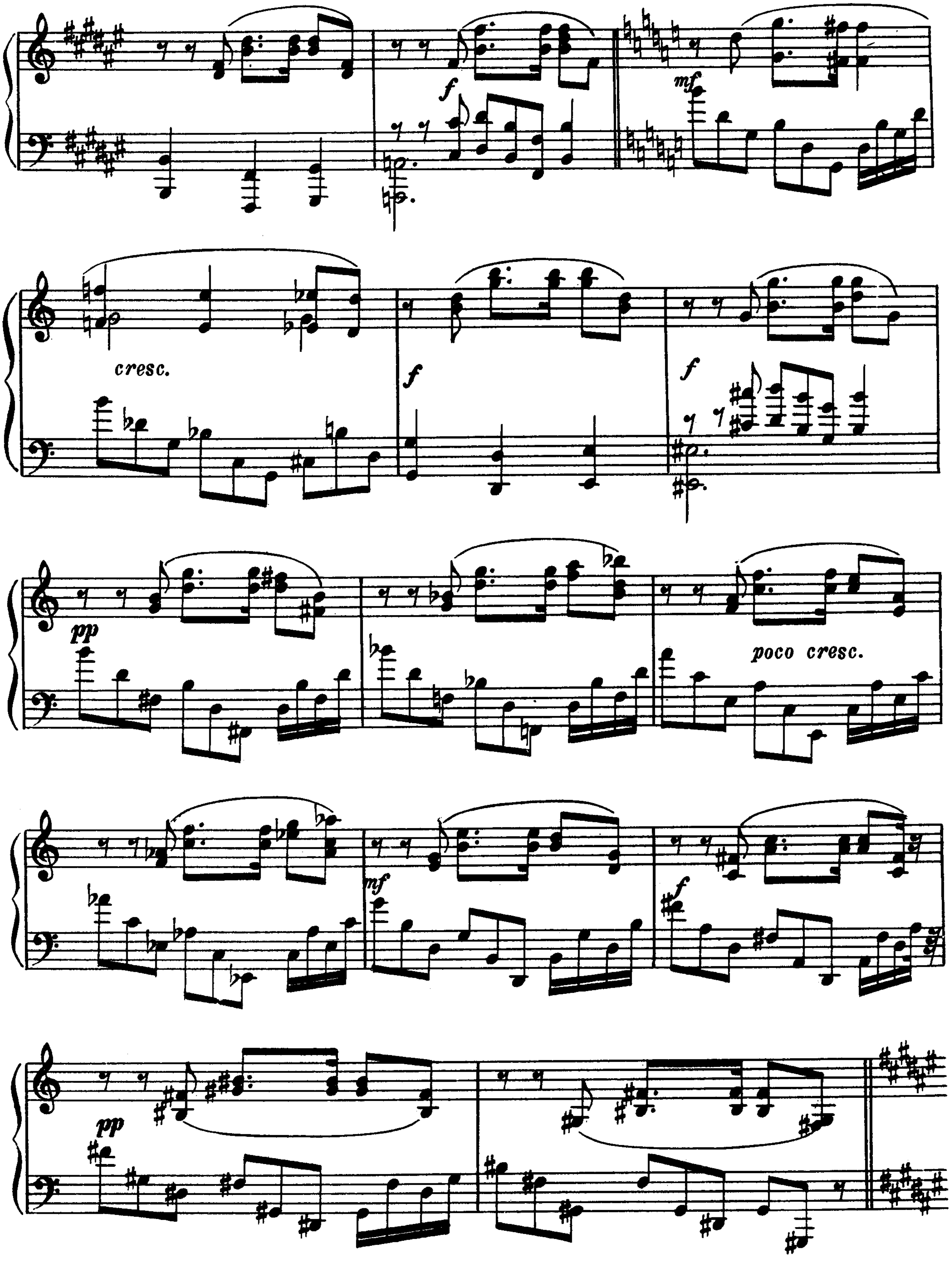
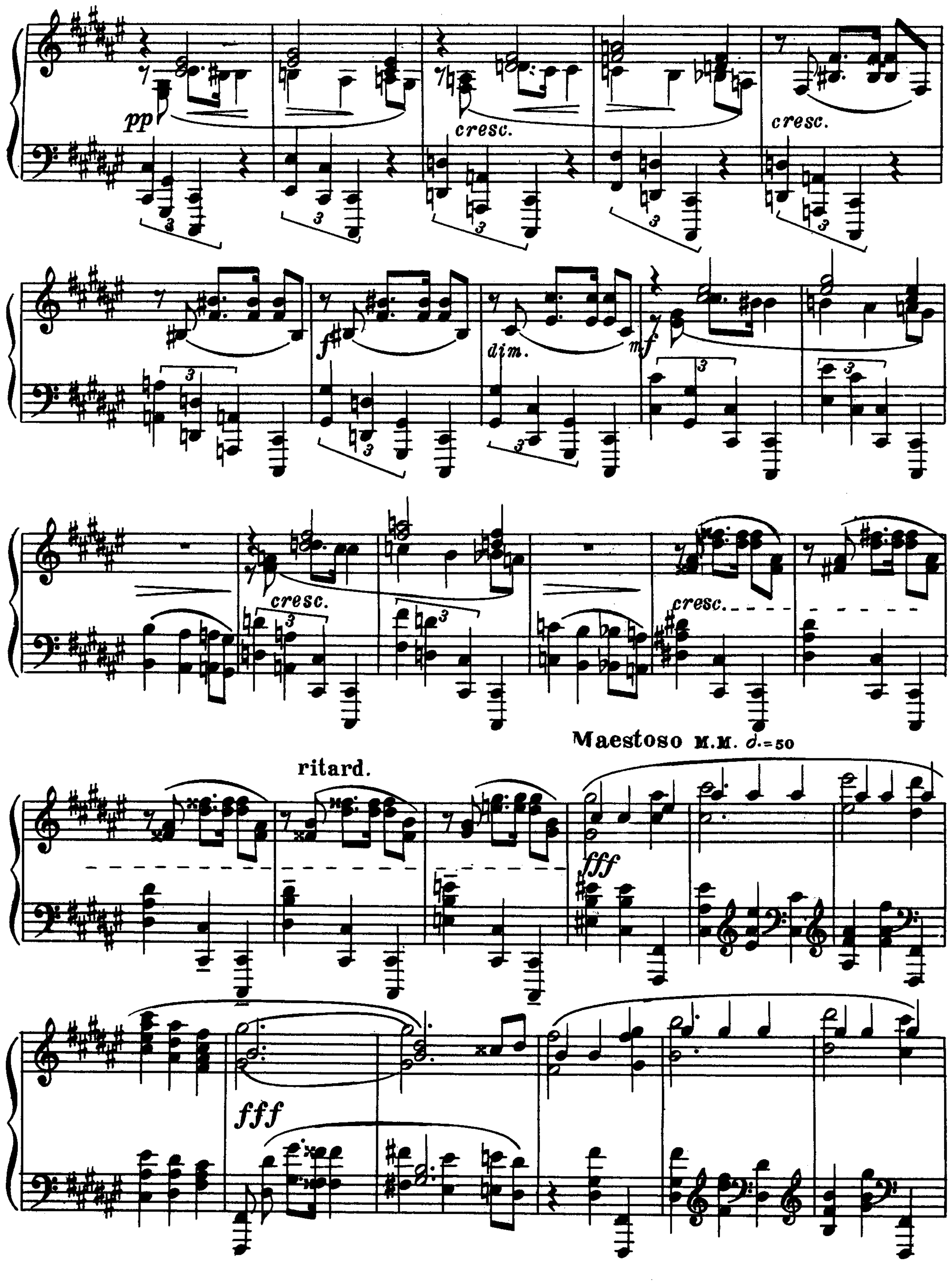
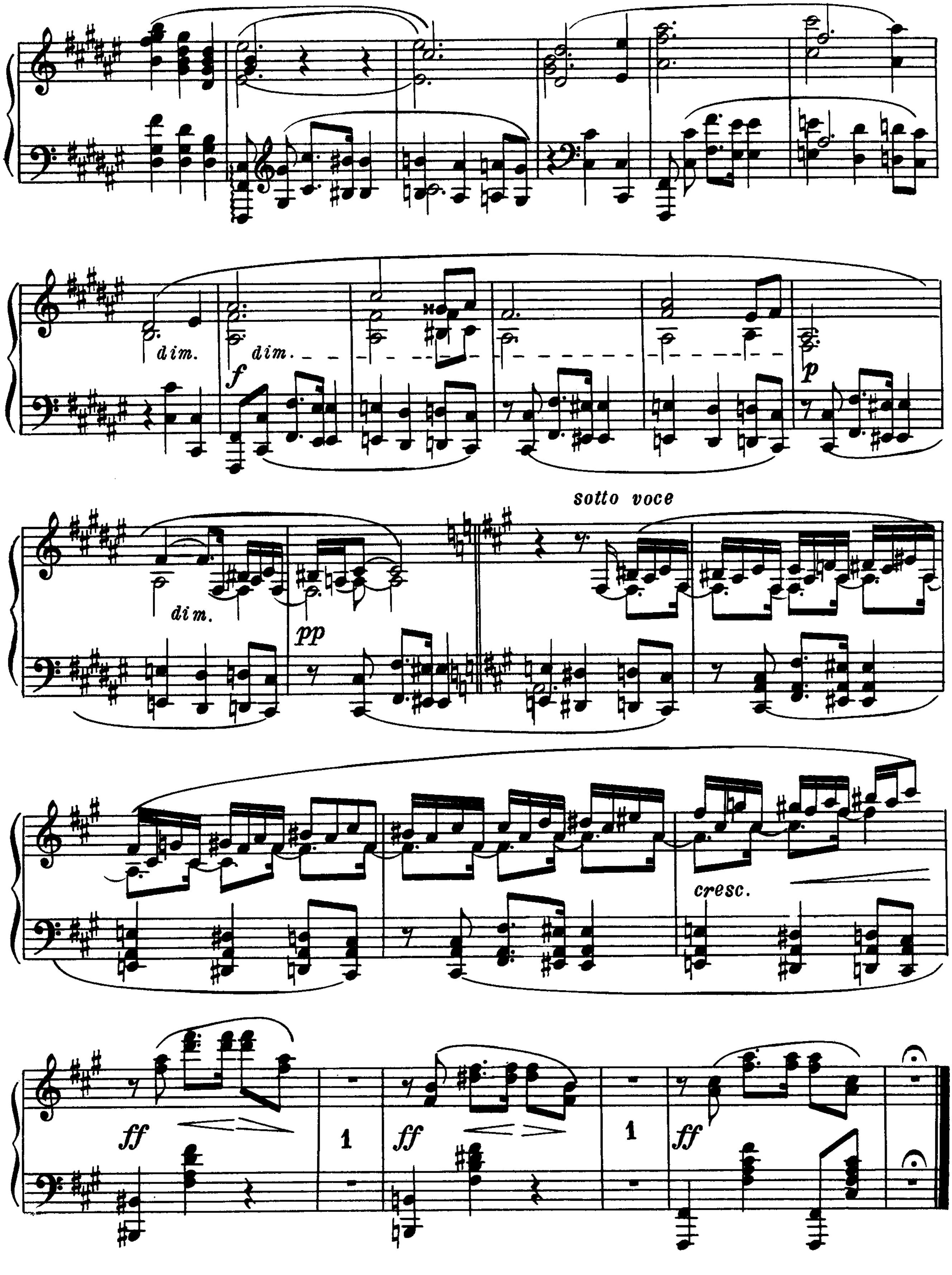
I

f
dim.
mp
cresc.
M.M. ♩=80
cantabile
f
sf
dim.
p
M.M. ♩=88
poco rit.
a tempo
mp poco scherzando
cresc
m.d.
m.d.

dolce
m.d.
mf
sf
dim.
p
m.d.
dolce
ritard.
mf
sf
p
m.d.
mp
Ped.
Tempo I
espress.
Ped.
mp
Ped.
mf
cresc.
m.s.
m.d.
f
dim.
Ped.

dolciss.
mp
pp
p
mf
p
mp
cresc.
f
p
m.s.
cresc.
m.s.
ff
dim.
mp

sf
mp
sf
f
cresc.
sf
m.d.
f
cresc.
sf
m.d.
sf
ff

m.s.
dim.
mp
dim.
p
cantabile
poco rit.
a tempo
mp
poco scherzando
cresc.
m.d.
m.d.
m.d.
mf
3

dolce
sf
dim.
p
dolce
mf
sf
p
m.d.
pp
mf
pp
cresc.
f
m.s.
cresc.
m. s.
fff

f
mf
p
mp
cresc.
m.s.
m.d.
dim.
rit.

II

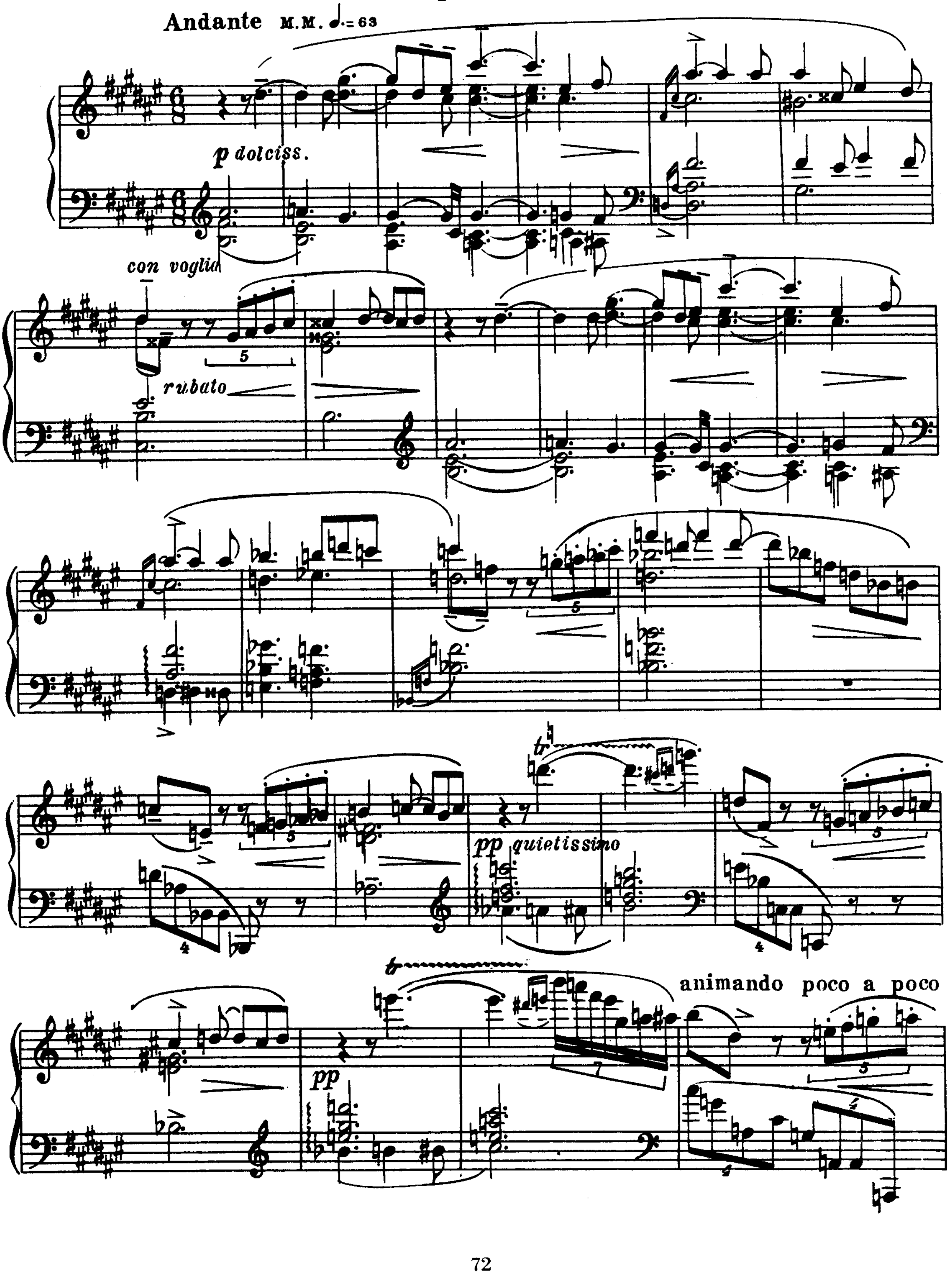
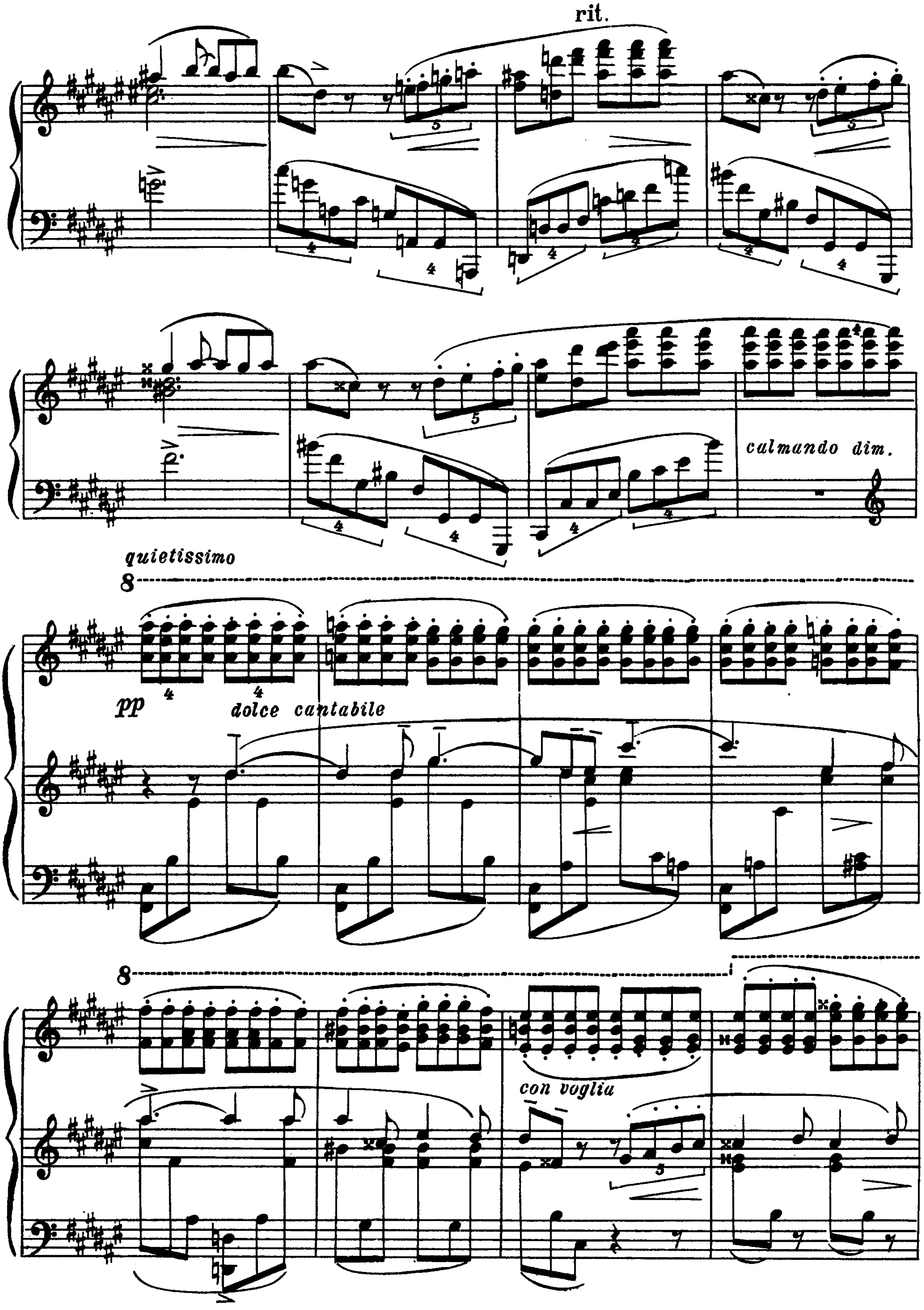
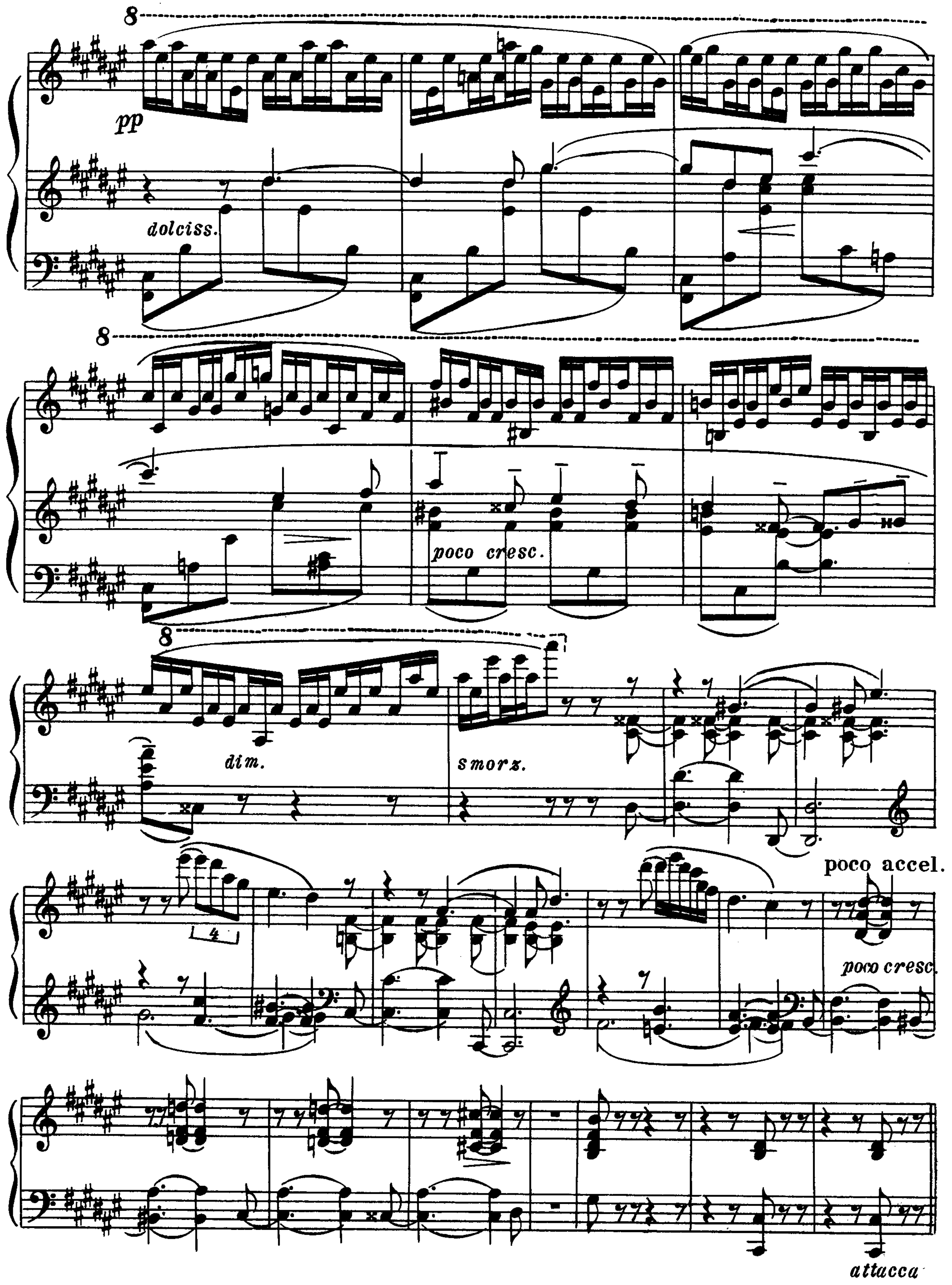
Allegretto M.M. ♪=160

mp
cresc.
ff
sff
sf
dim.
p
cresc.
animato
f
accel.
stretto
ritard.
pp

M.M. ♪= 168
con grazia
p
pp
mp
cresc.
mf
dim.

mp
pp
p
cresc.
sf
sf dim.
sf
f
animato
accel.
cresc.
ff
stretto
sf

III

p
mf
p
f
p
f
p
cresc.
f
dim.

p
pp
pp
Ped.
Ped.

pp
pp
poco rit.
acceler.
attacca

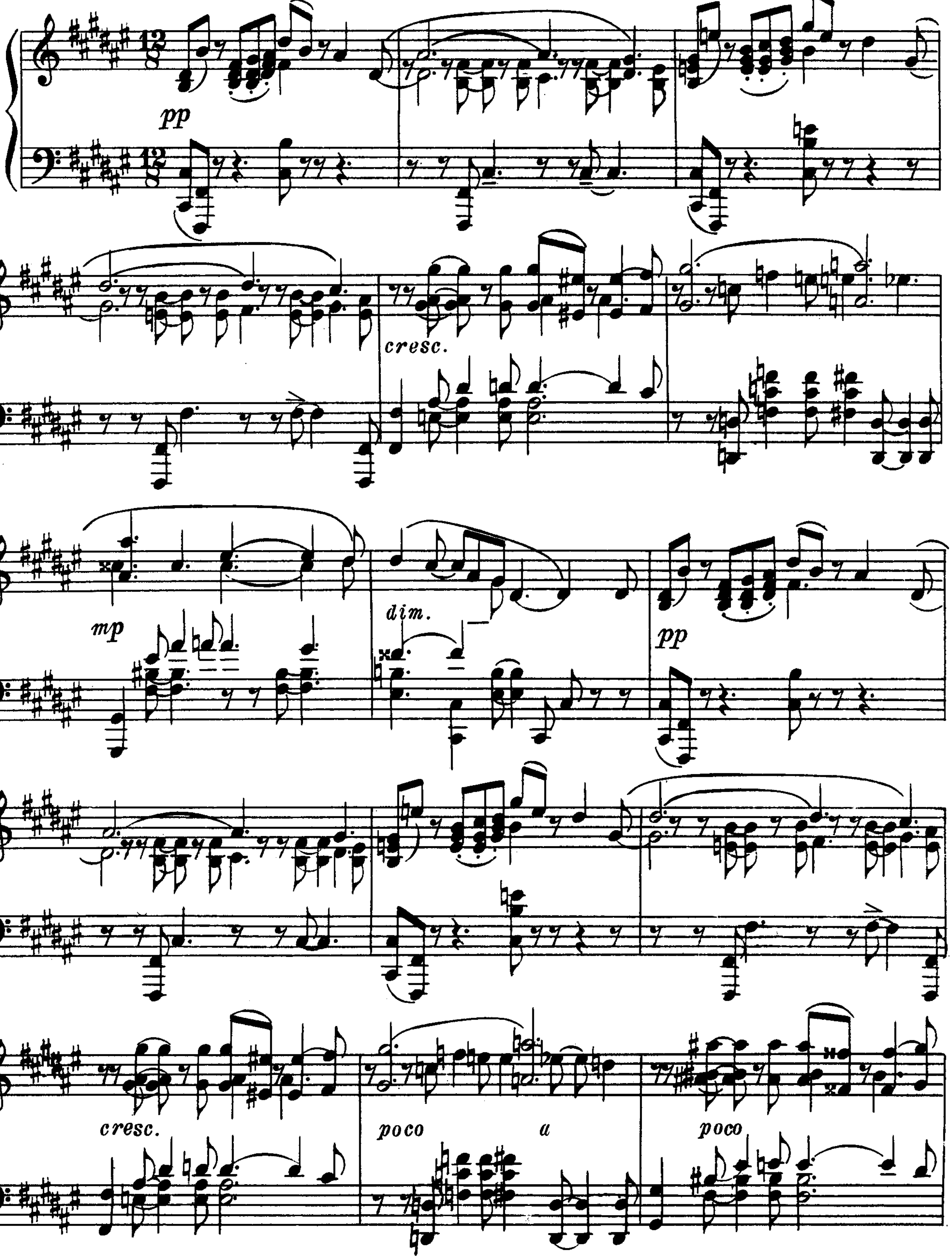
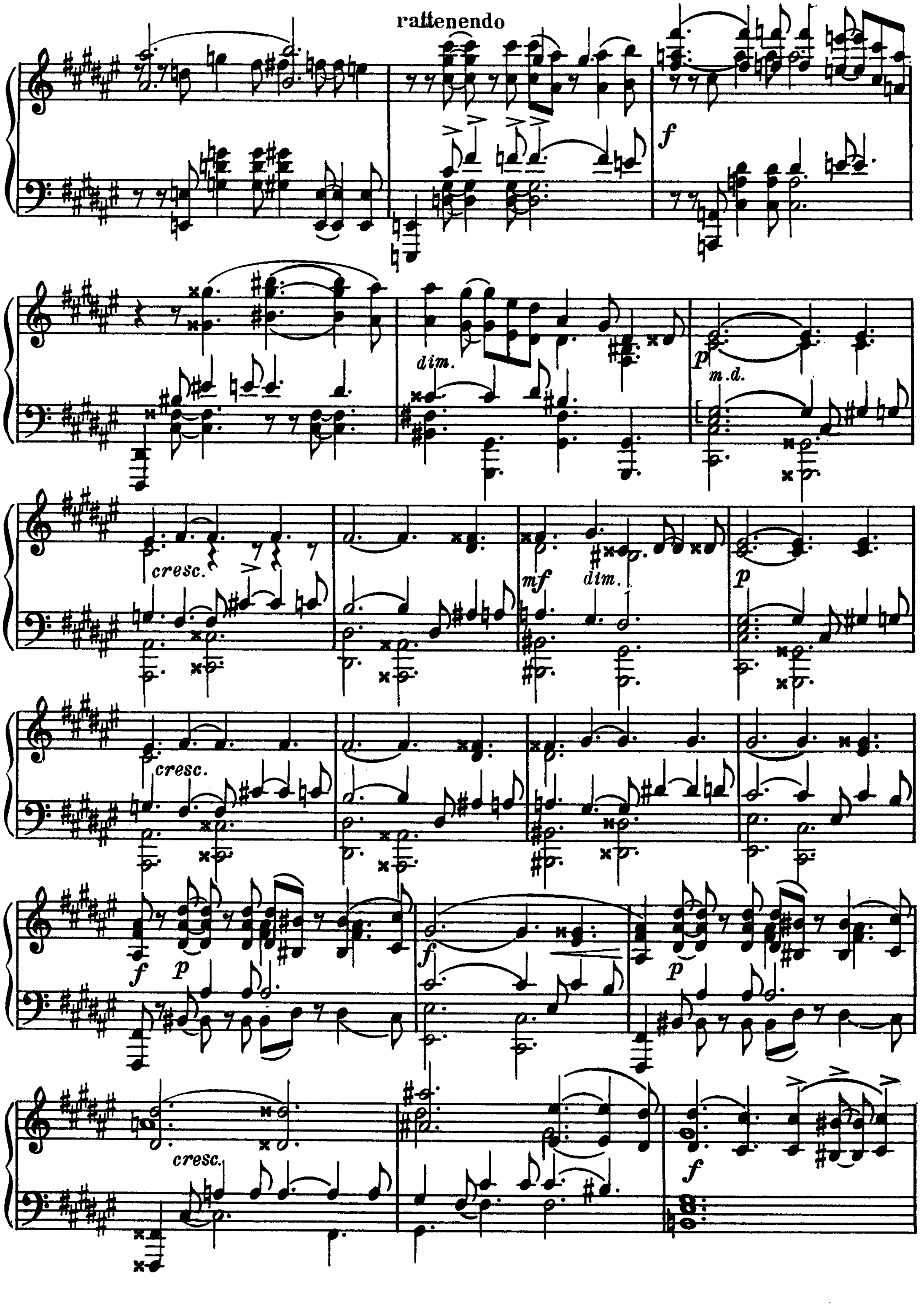
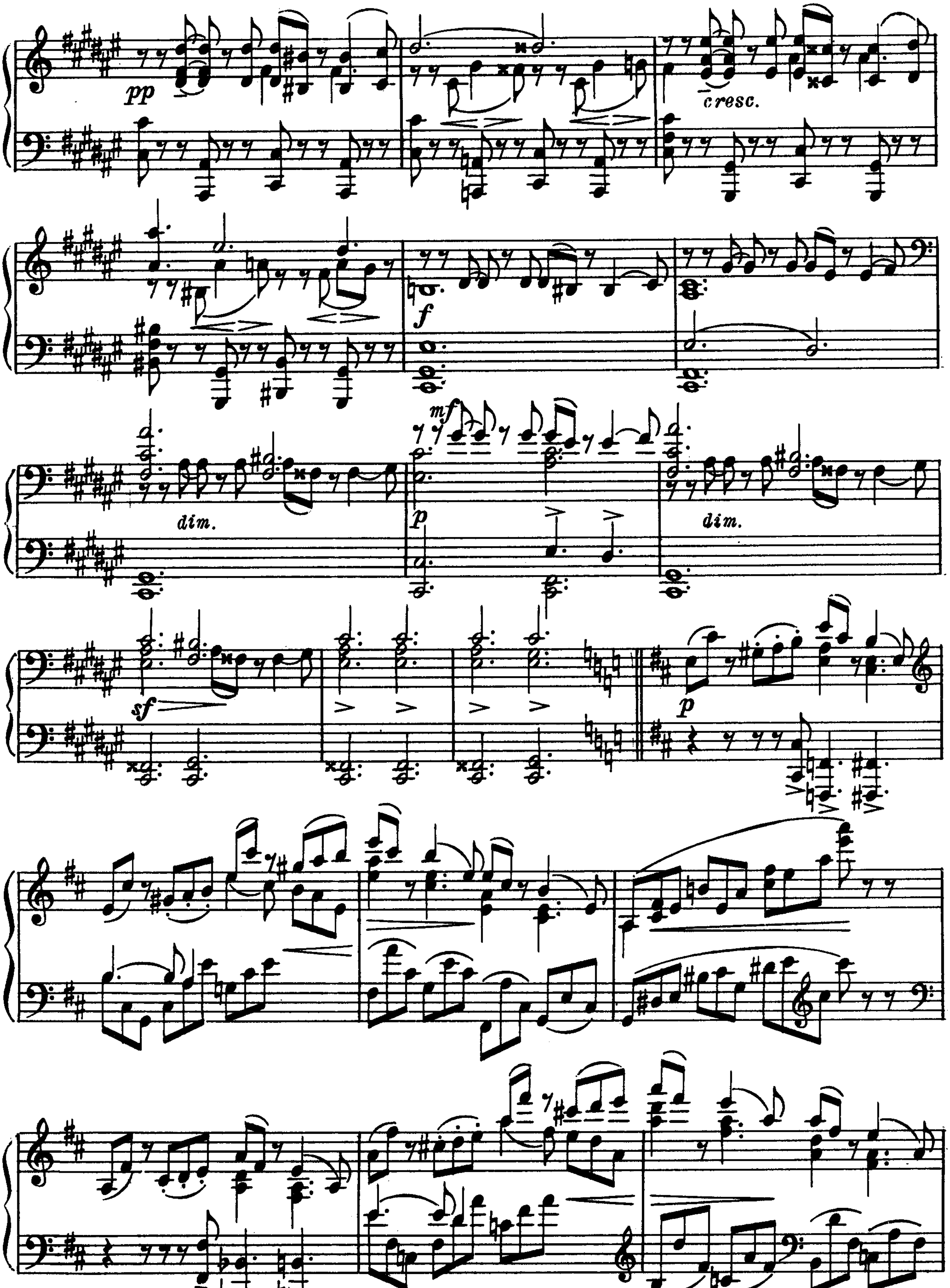
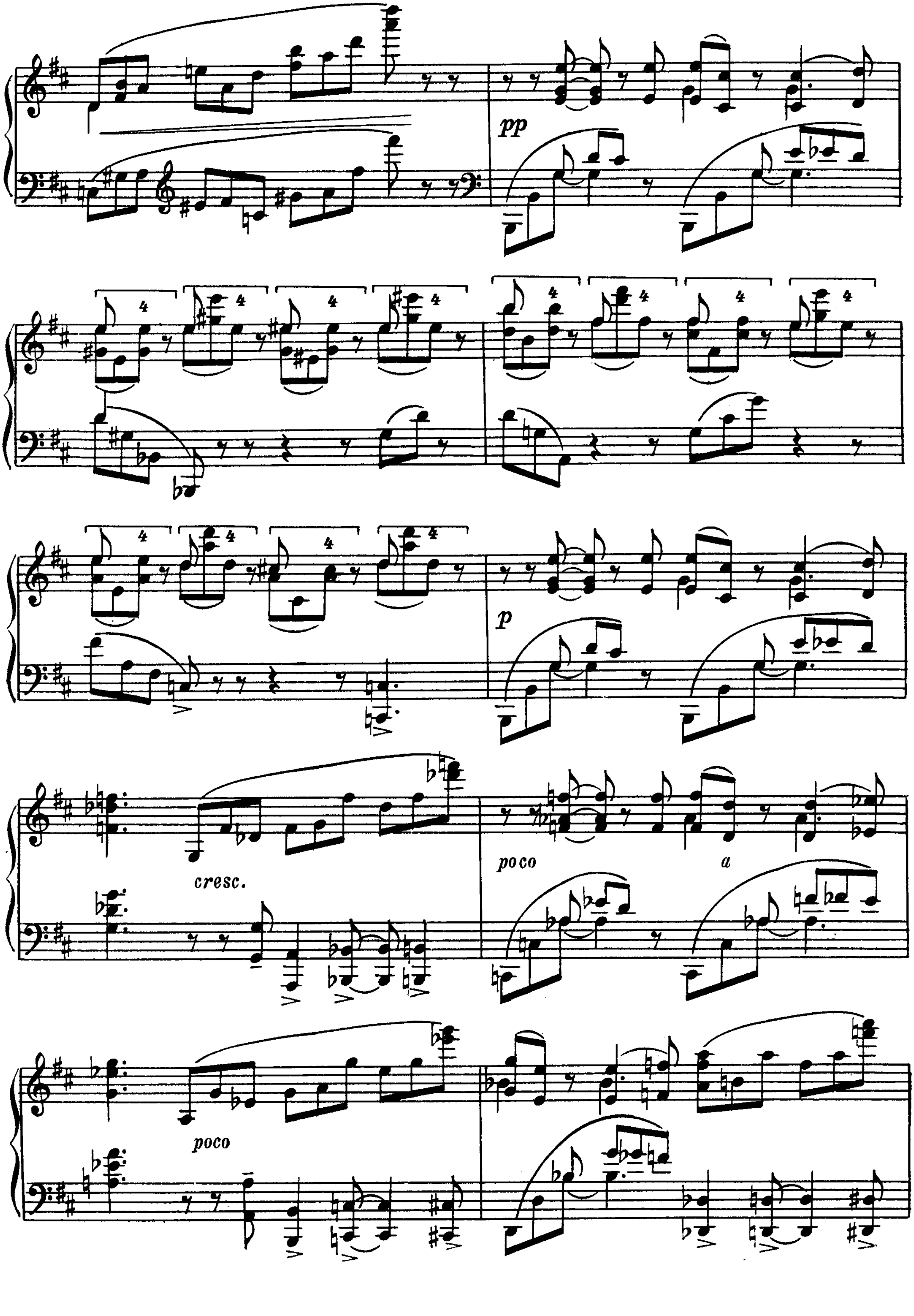
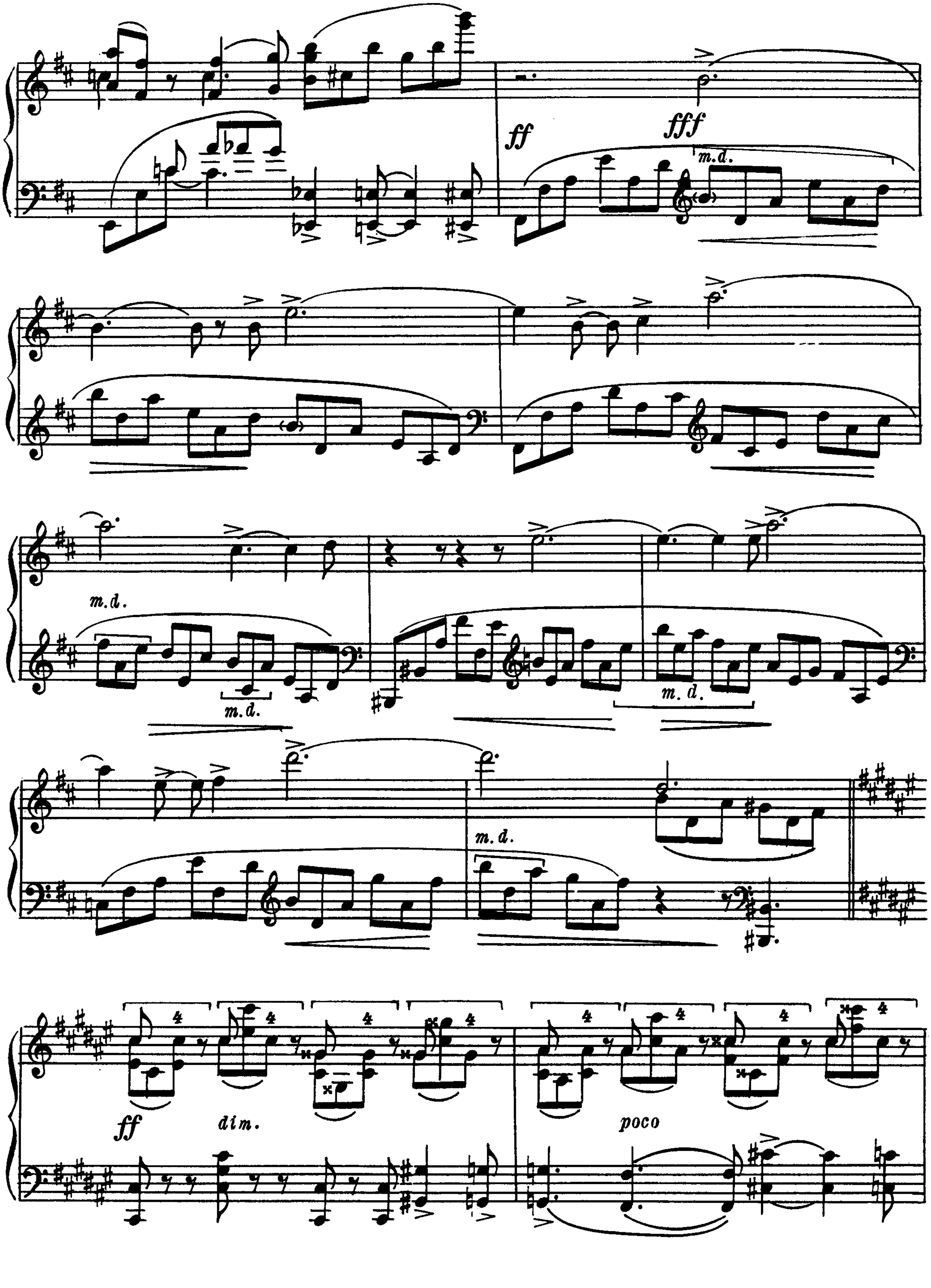
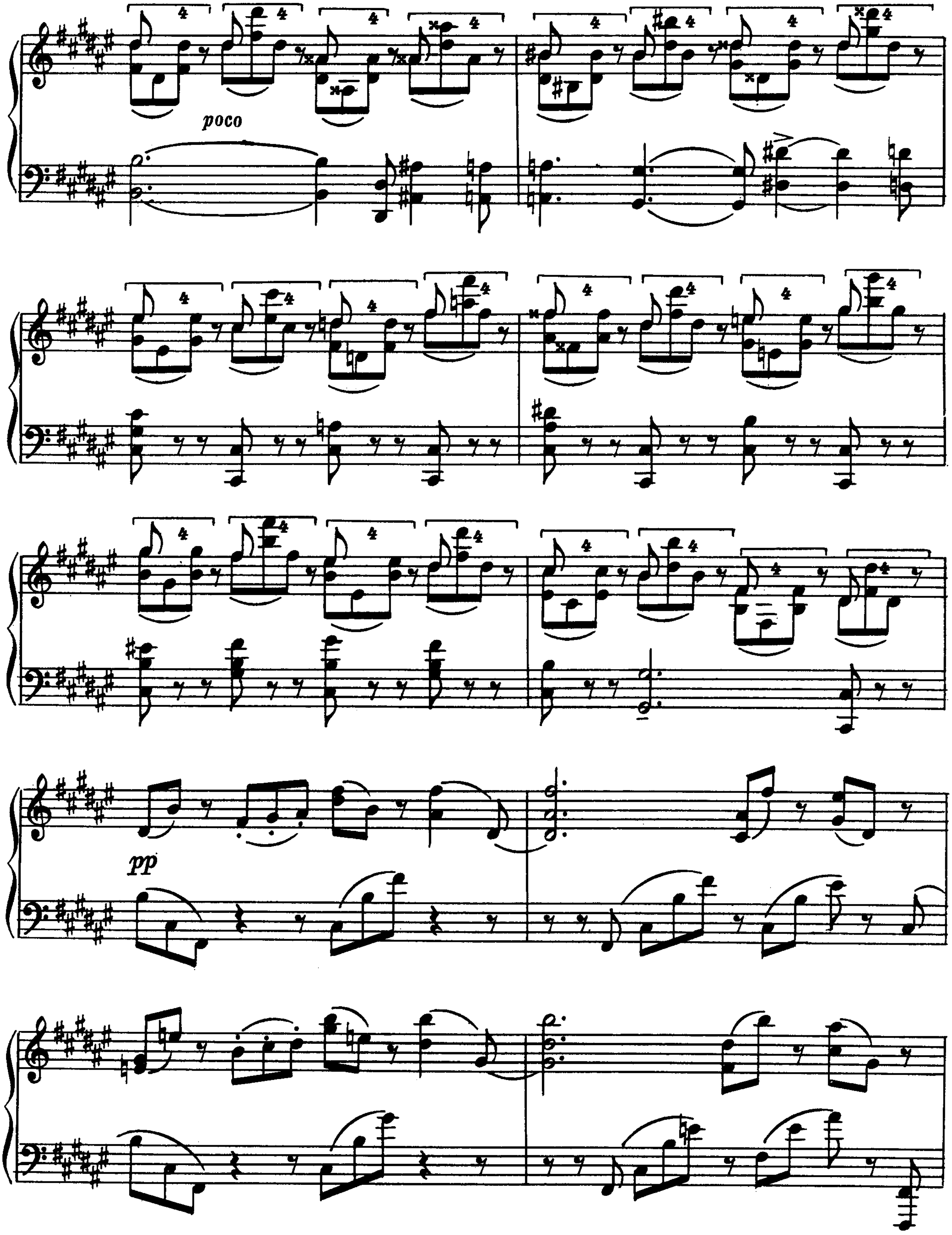
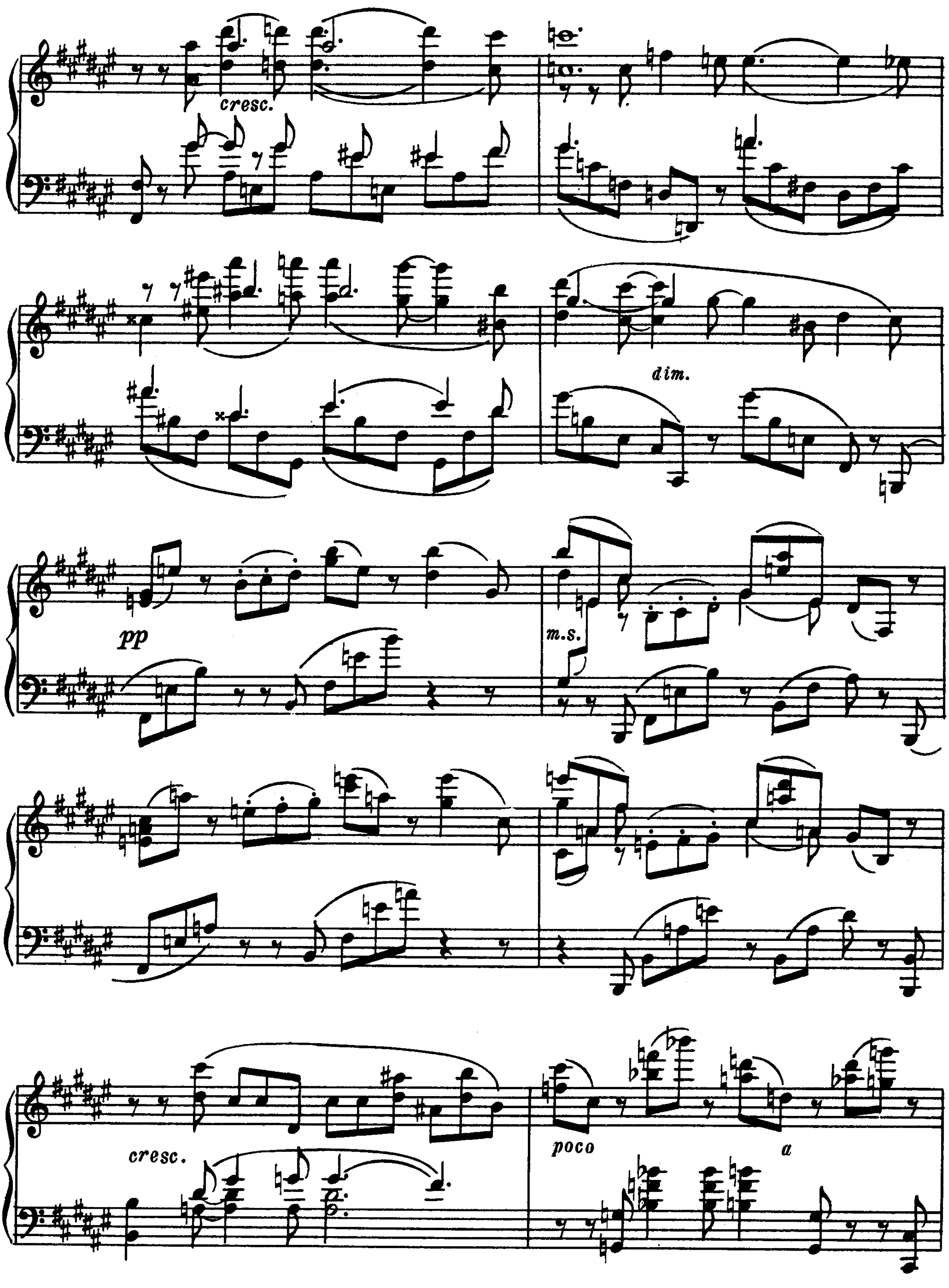
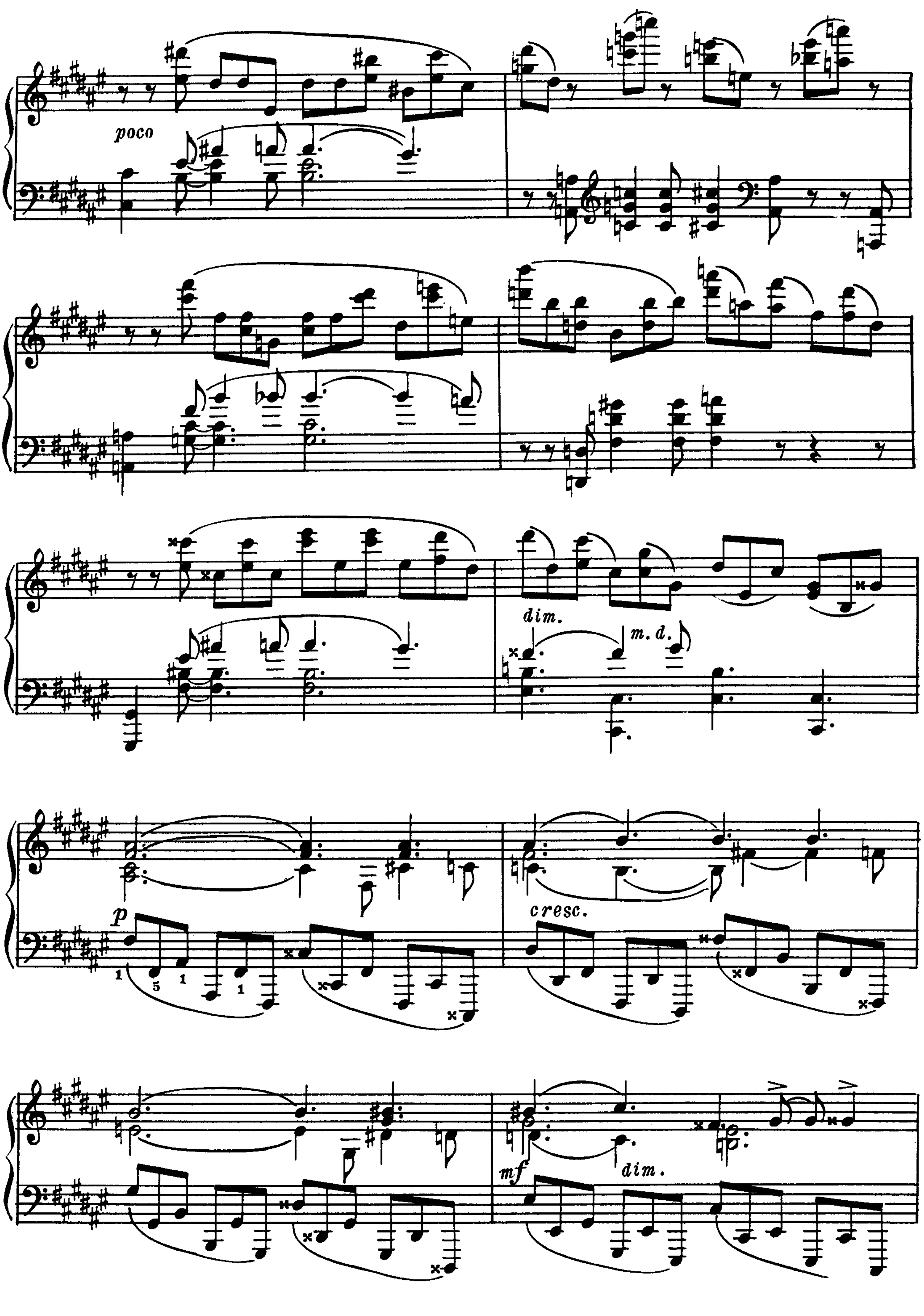
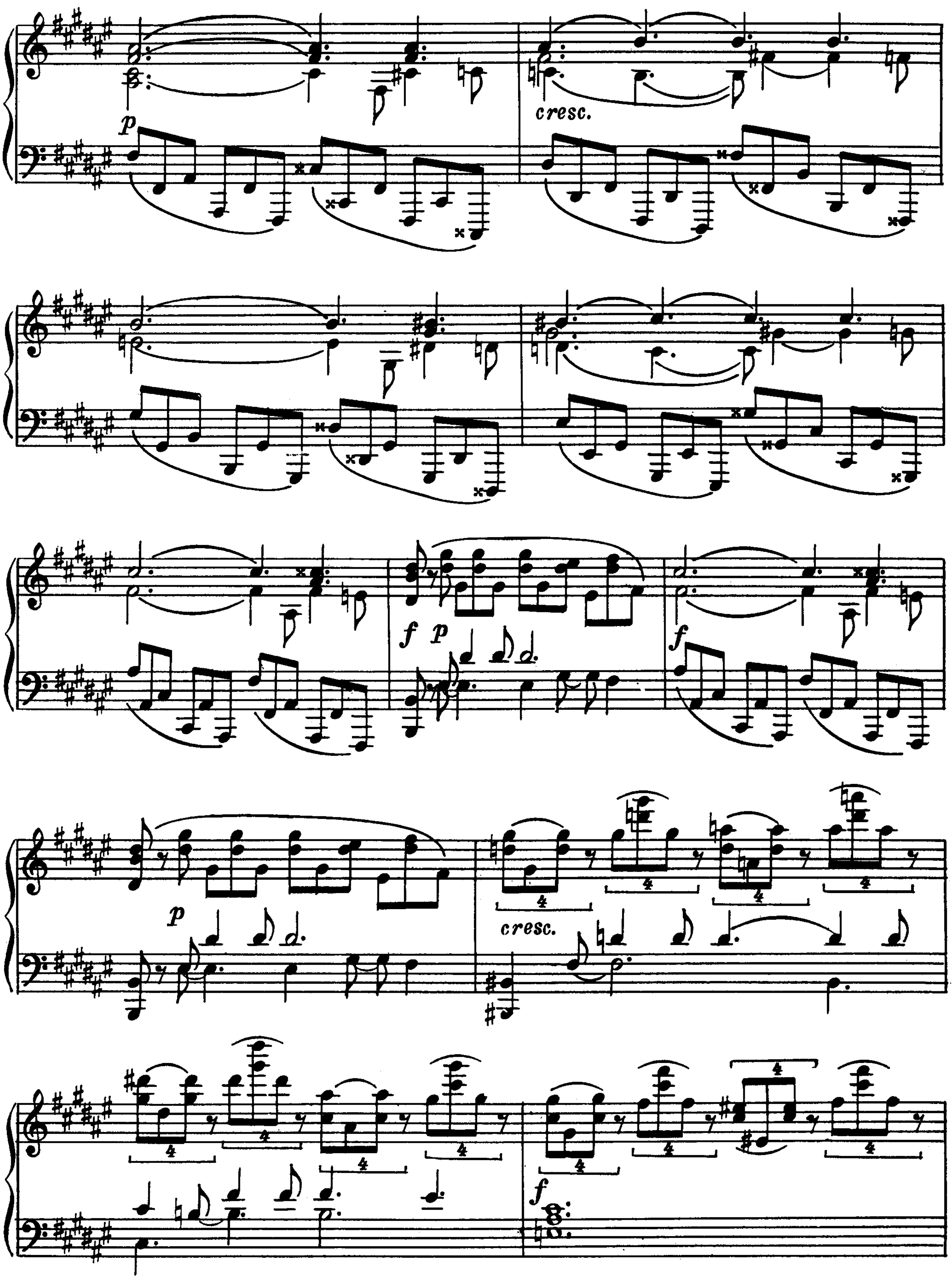
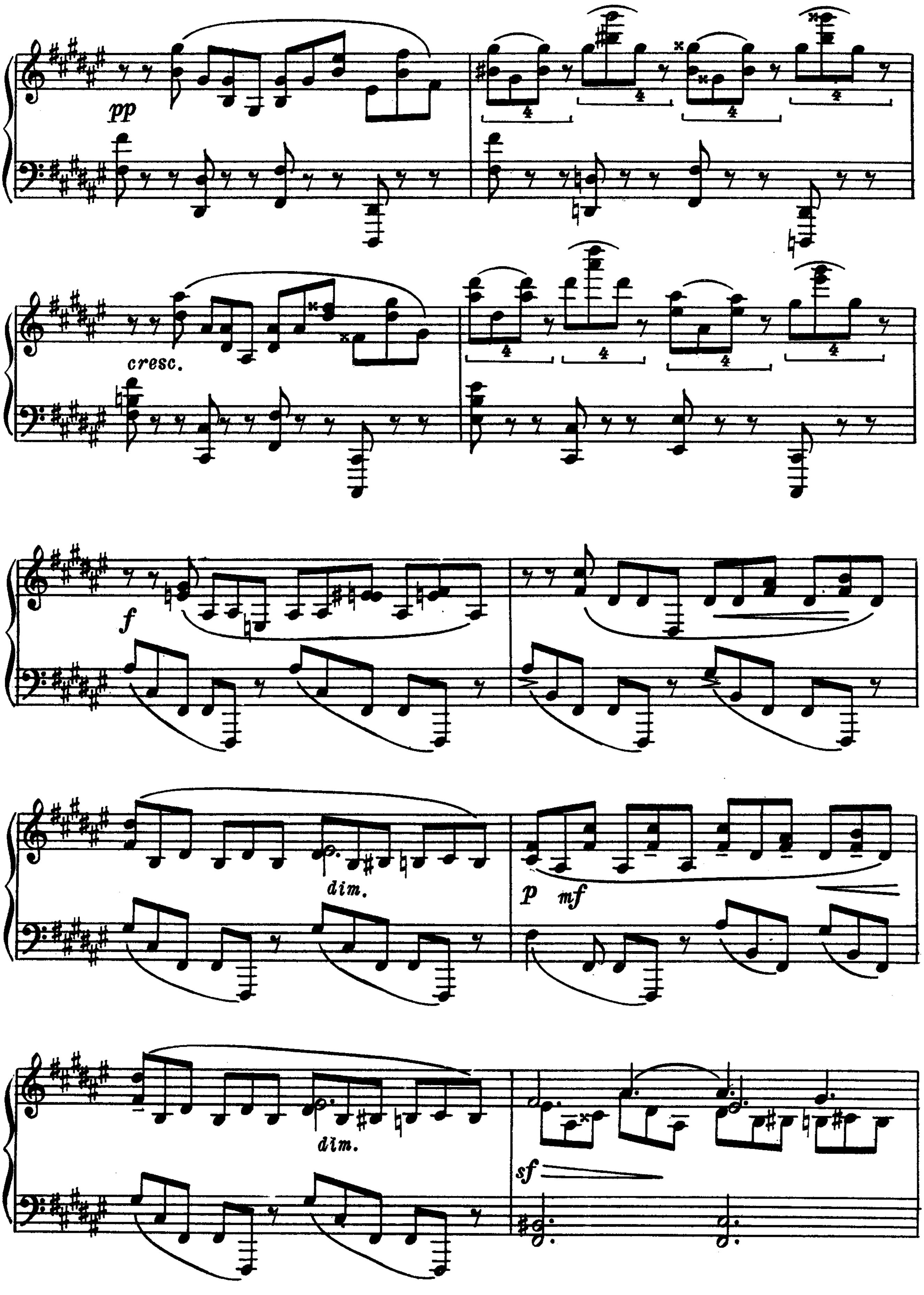
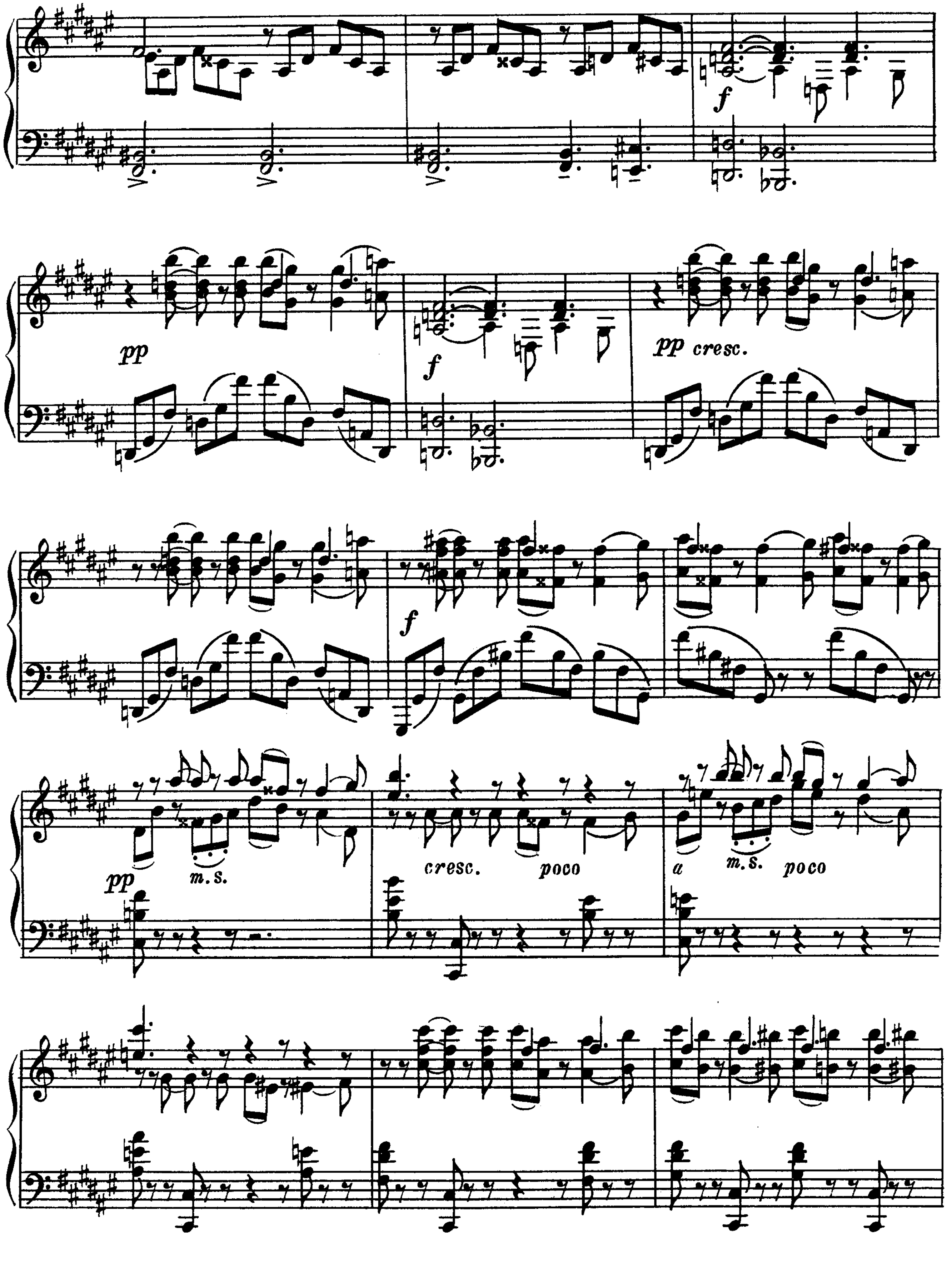
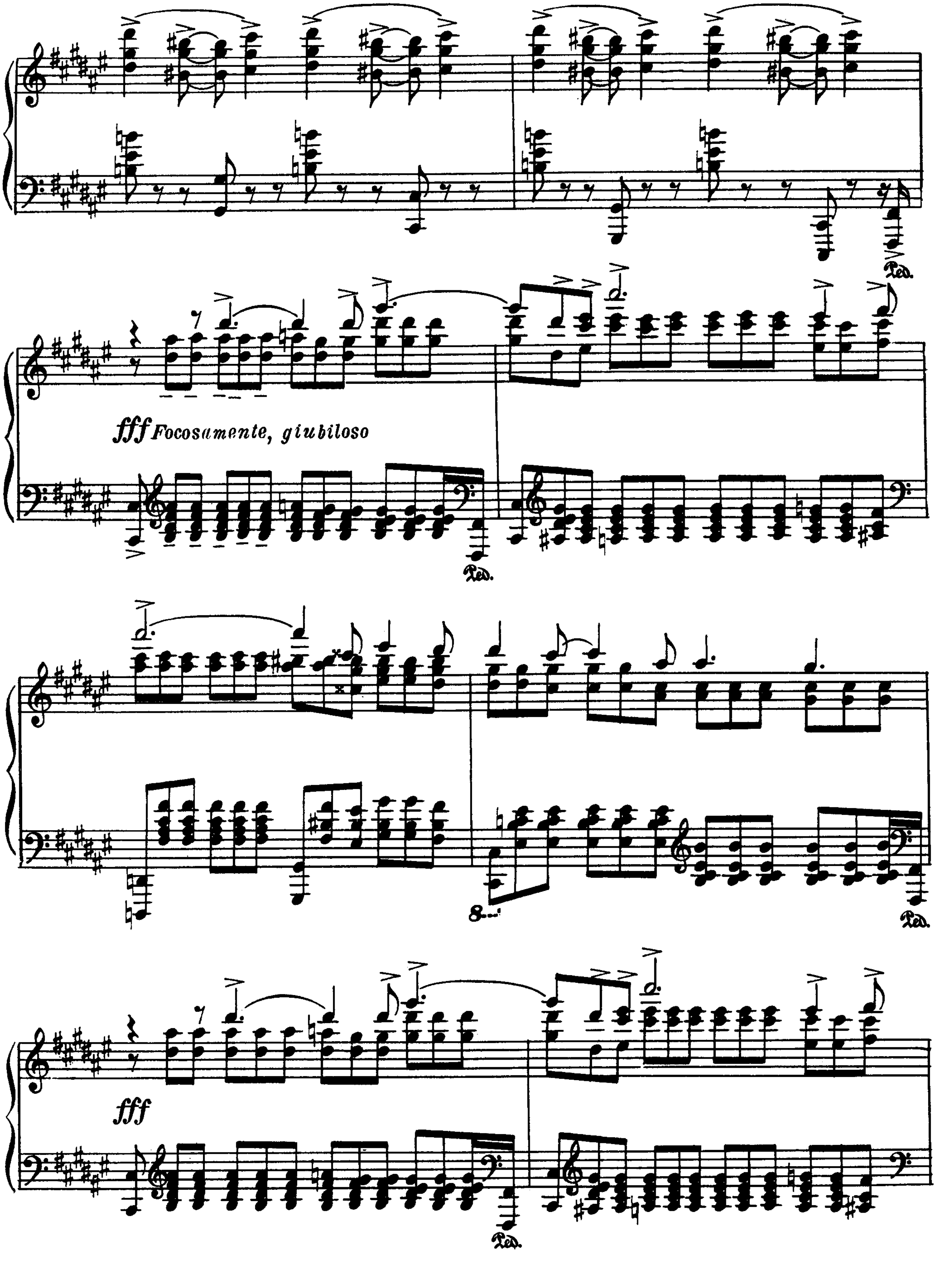
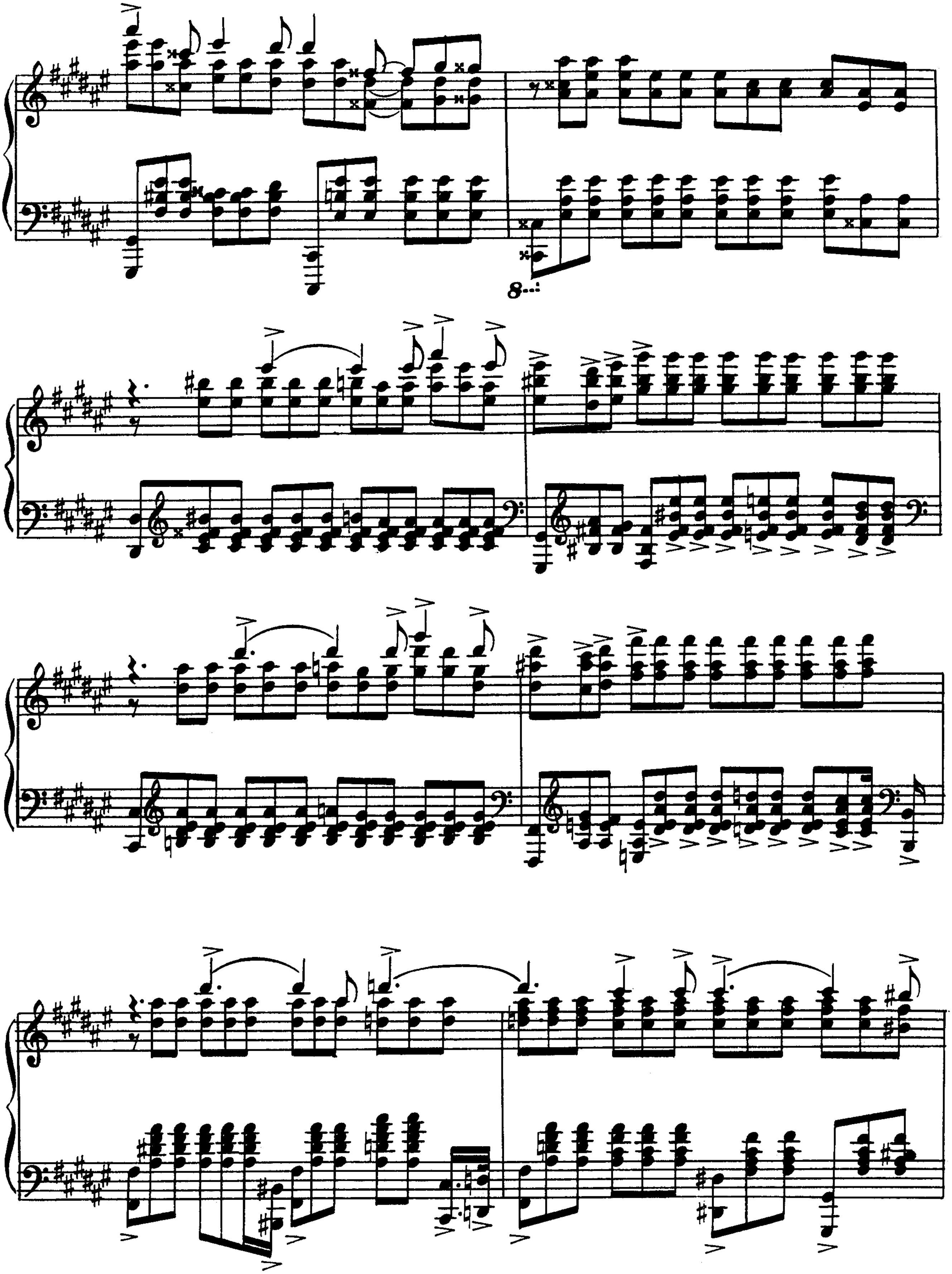
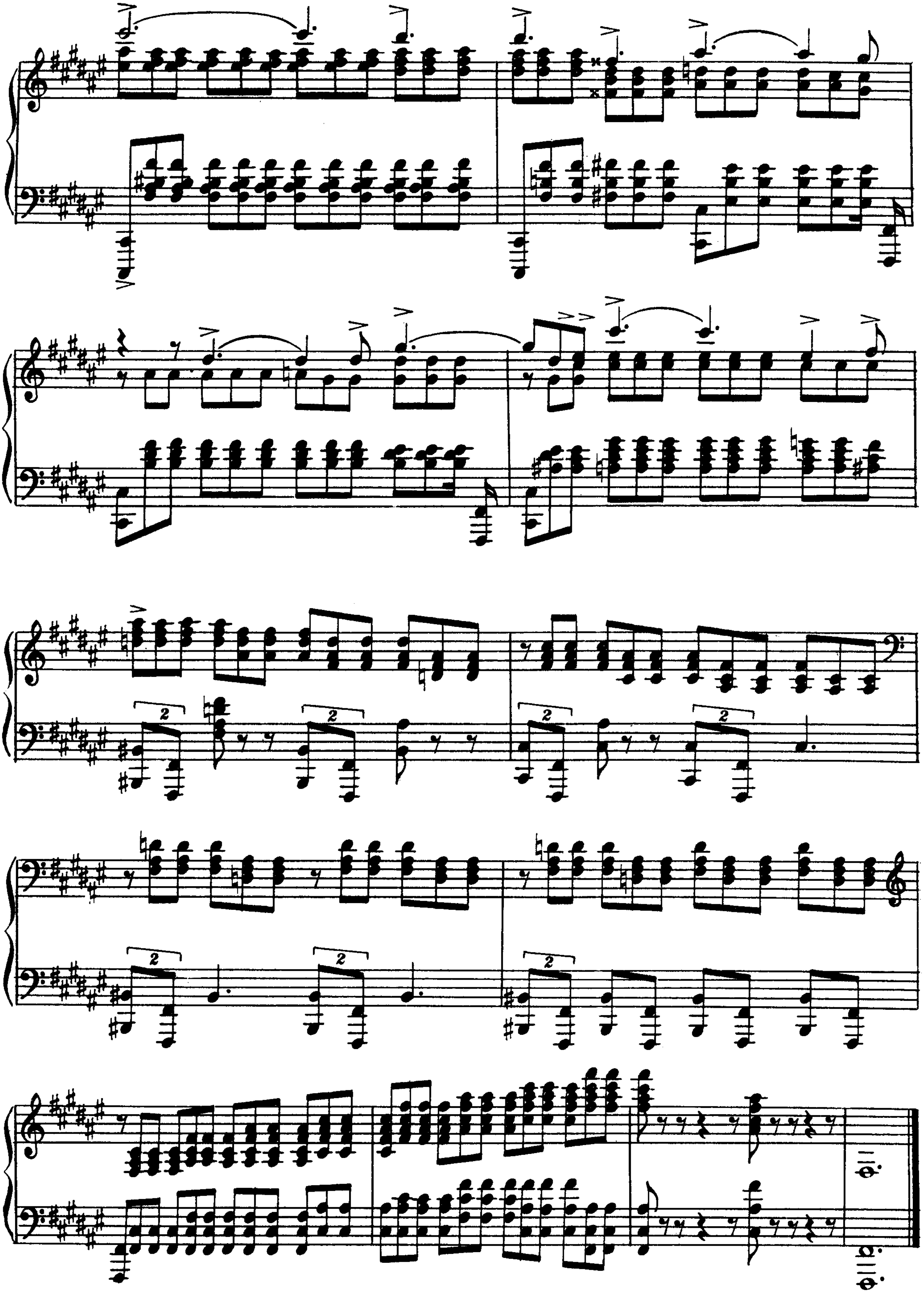
IV

Presto con fuoco M.M. 𝅗𝅥. = 58

*) This passage, difficult to perform at a rapid tempo, was played differently by Scriabin himself:

etc.

3
mf
sff
*)
mf
accel.
poco rit.
p
cresc.
cresc.
f
dim.
rit.
pp
dolce

*)
Meno mosso M.M. ♩=92
cresc.
mf
p dolciss.
dim.
pp
cresc.
acceler.
f
mp
cresc.
f
dim.
Tempo I
p

cresc.
mf
mp
cresc.
sf
p
cresc.
f
dim.
p
cresc.
sf
cresc.

sff
p
cresc.
f
dim.
p
cresc.
sf
dim.
mp
cresc.
f
cresc.

ff
dim.
mp
p
cresc.
ff
f
m.s.
sff
cresc.
mp
p
ff
f
m.s.
sff
mp
cresc.
ff
m.s.
cresc.
f
cresc.

ff
ff
ff
fff
mf
cresc.
accel.
sff
poco rit.
sf
p
cresc.
cresc.

f
dim.
dolce
rit.
pp
Meno mosso
cresc.
mf
dolciss.
dim.
pp

cresc.
f
mp
cresc.
f
[Tempo I]
dim.
p
cresc.
cresc.
f
mp
cresc.

mf
f
cresc.
f
f
pp
poco cresc.
mf
f
pp

pp
cresc.
cresc.
f
dim.
mf
cresc.
cresc.
ritard.
Maestoso M.M. 𝅗𝅥. = 50
fff
fff

dim.
dim.
f
p
sotto voce
dim.
pp
cresc.
ff
1
ff
1
ff

Sonata No. 4 in F-sharp Major, Op. 30

I


rit.
calmando dim.
quietissimo
pp
dolce cantabile
con voglia

8
pp
dolciss.
8
poco cresc.
8
dim.
smorz.
4
poco accel.
poco cresc.
attacca

II

Prestissimo volando M.M. ♩= 160

rattenendo
f
dim.
p
m.d.
cresc.
mf
dim.
p
cresc.
f
p
f
p
cresc.
f

pp
cresc.
f
mf
dim.
p
dim.
sf
p

pp
p
cresc.
poco
a
poco

ff
fff
m.d.
m.d.
m.d.
m.d.
m.d.
ff
dim.
poco

poco
pp

cresc.
dim.
pp
m.s.
cresc.
poco
a

poco
dim.
m. d.
p
cresc.
mf
dim.

p
cresc.
f
p
f
p
cresc.
f

pp
cresc.
f
dim.
p
mf
dim.
sf

f
pp
f
pp cresc.
f
pp
m.s.
cresc.
poco
a
m.s.
poco

Ped.
fff Focosamente, giubiloso
Ped.
8
Ped.
fff
Ped.

8

2
2
2
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2
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2
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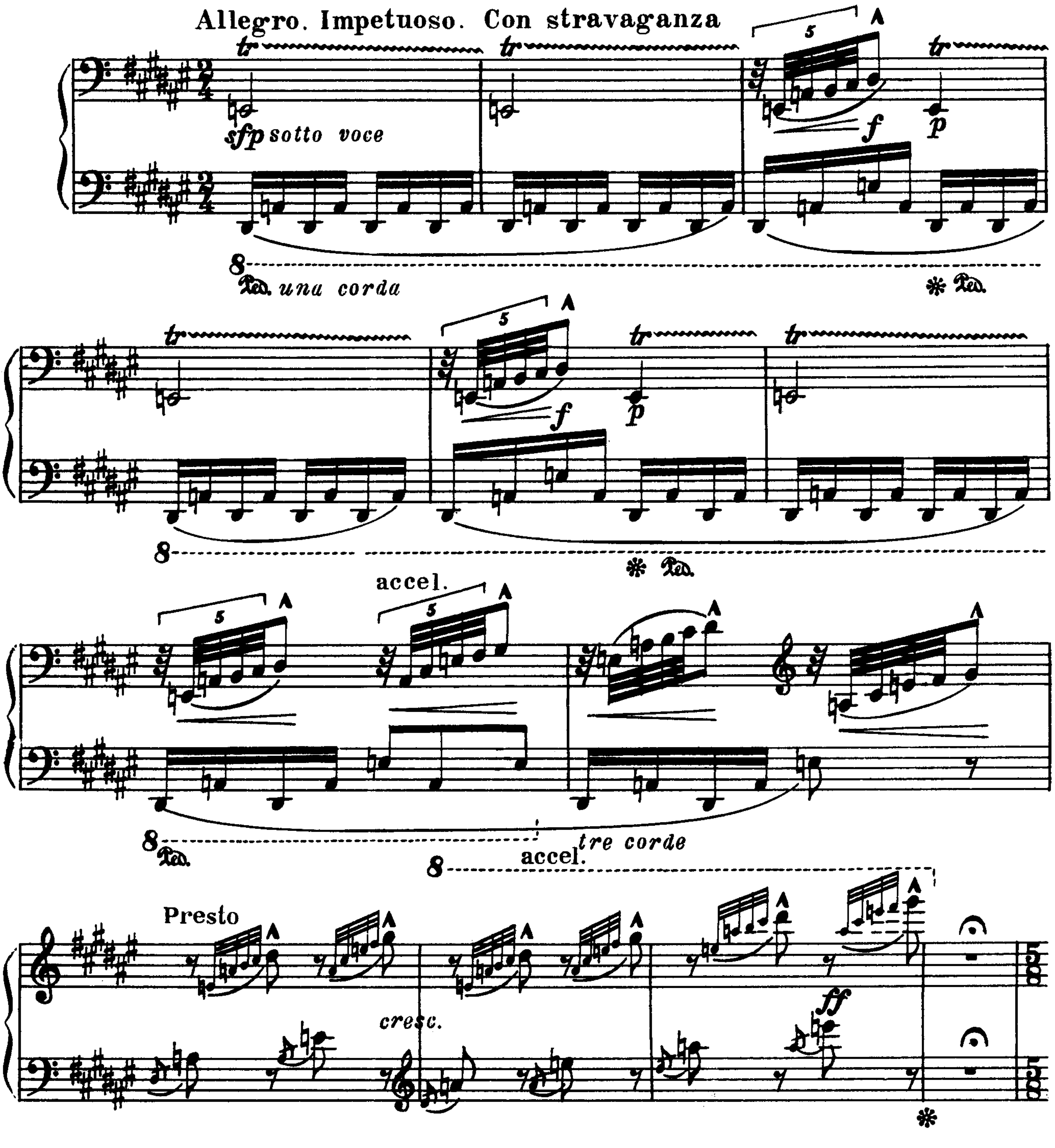
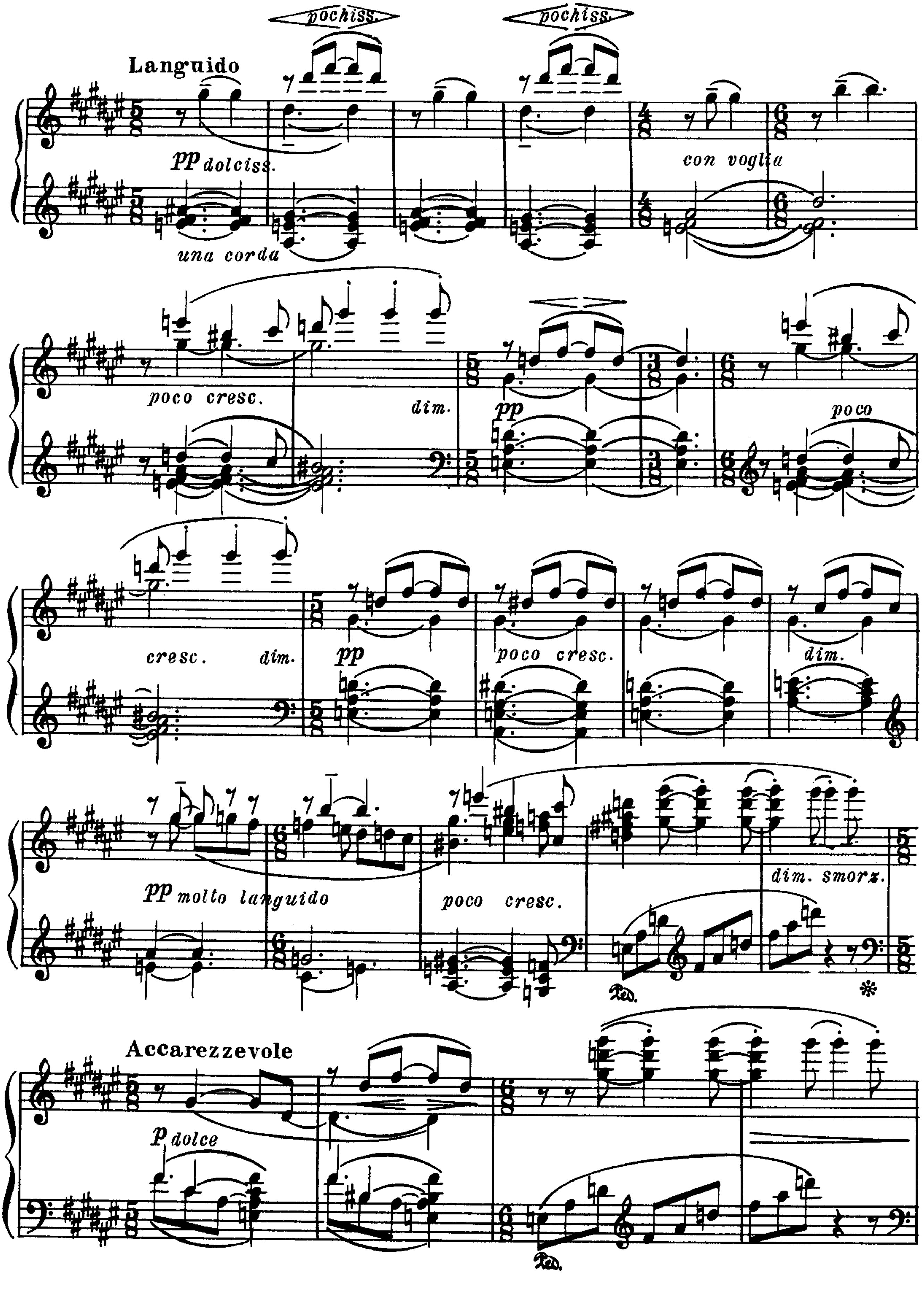
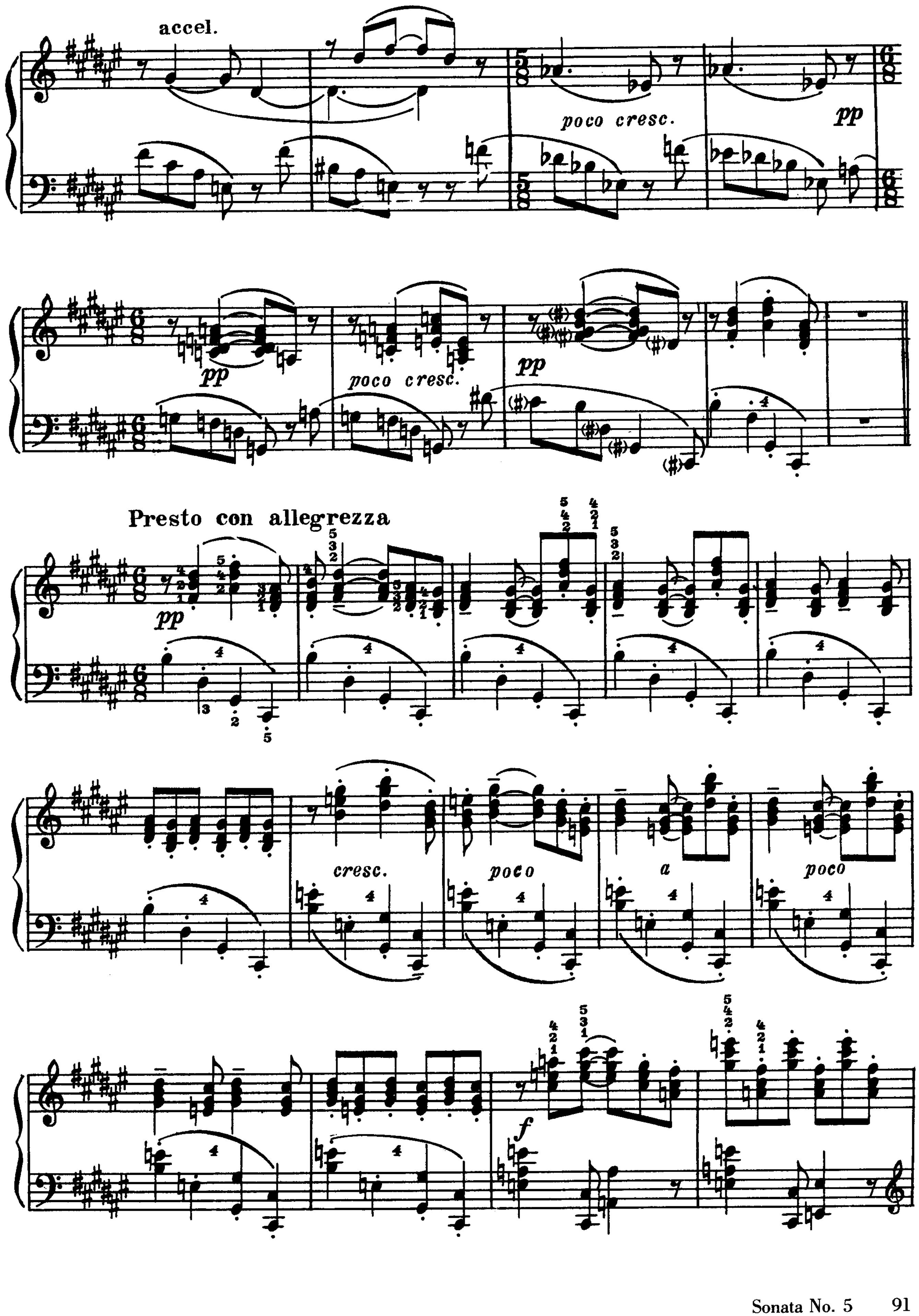
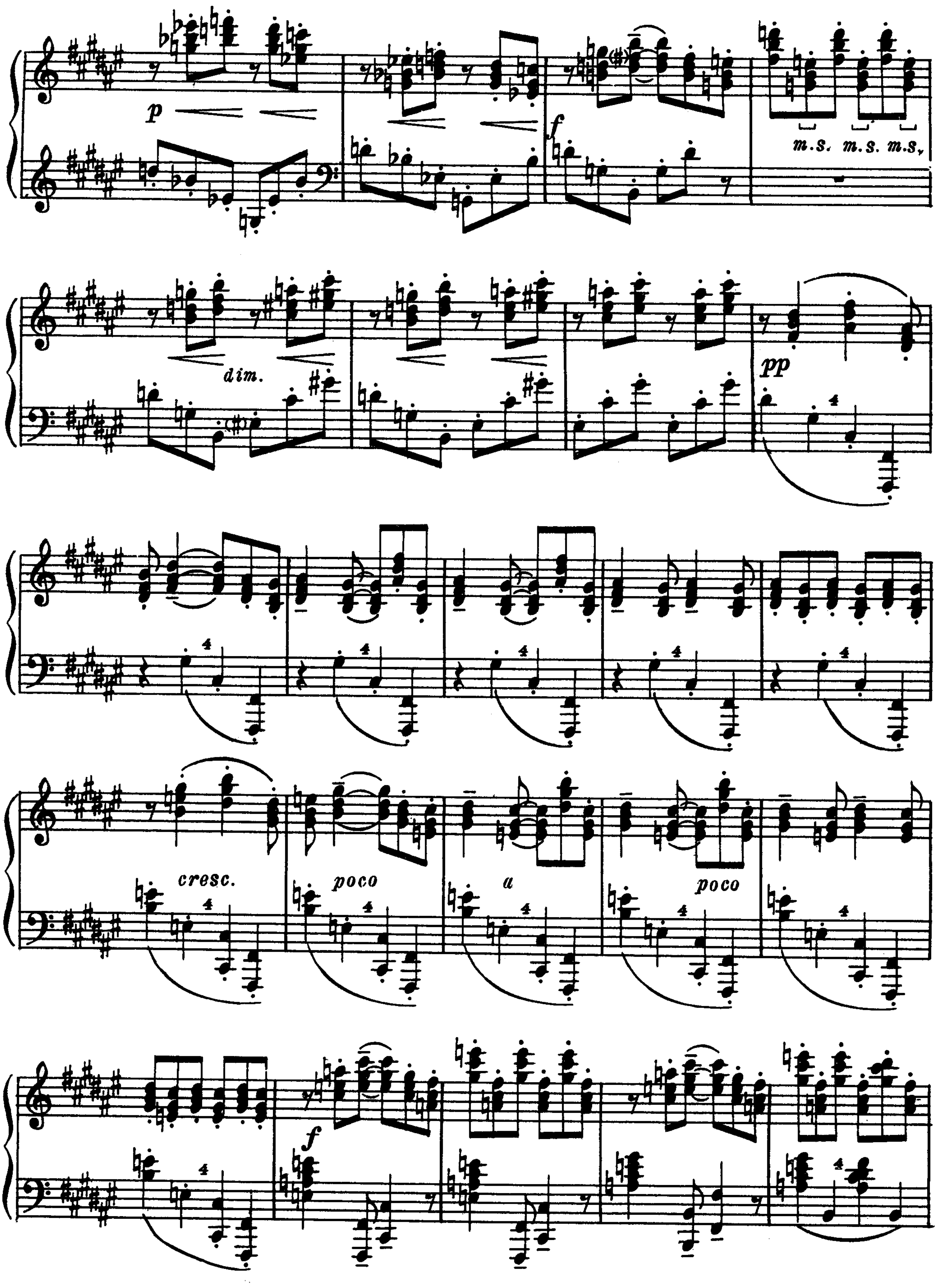
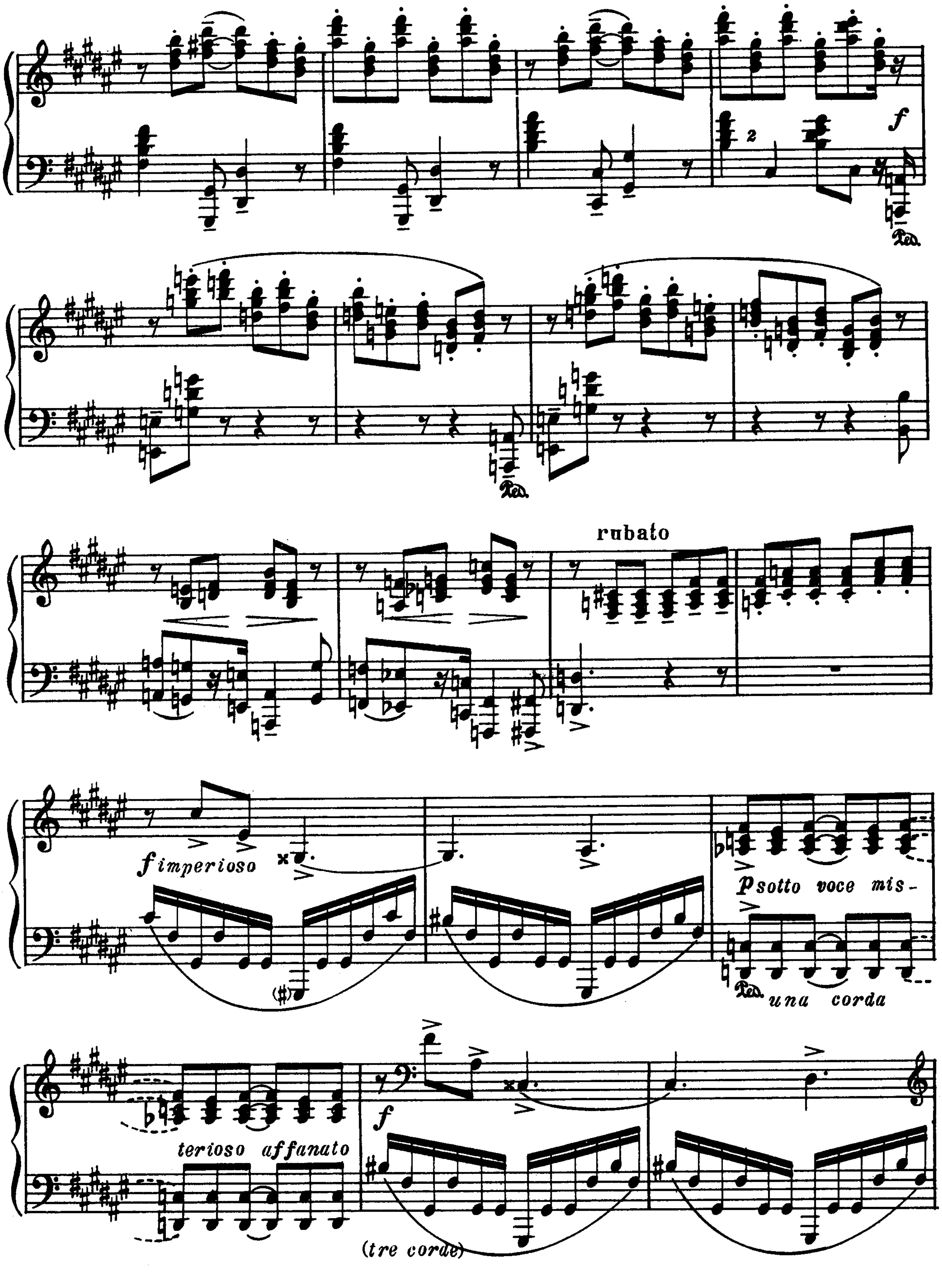
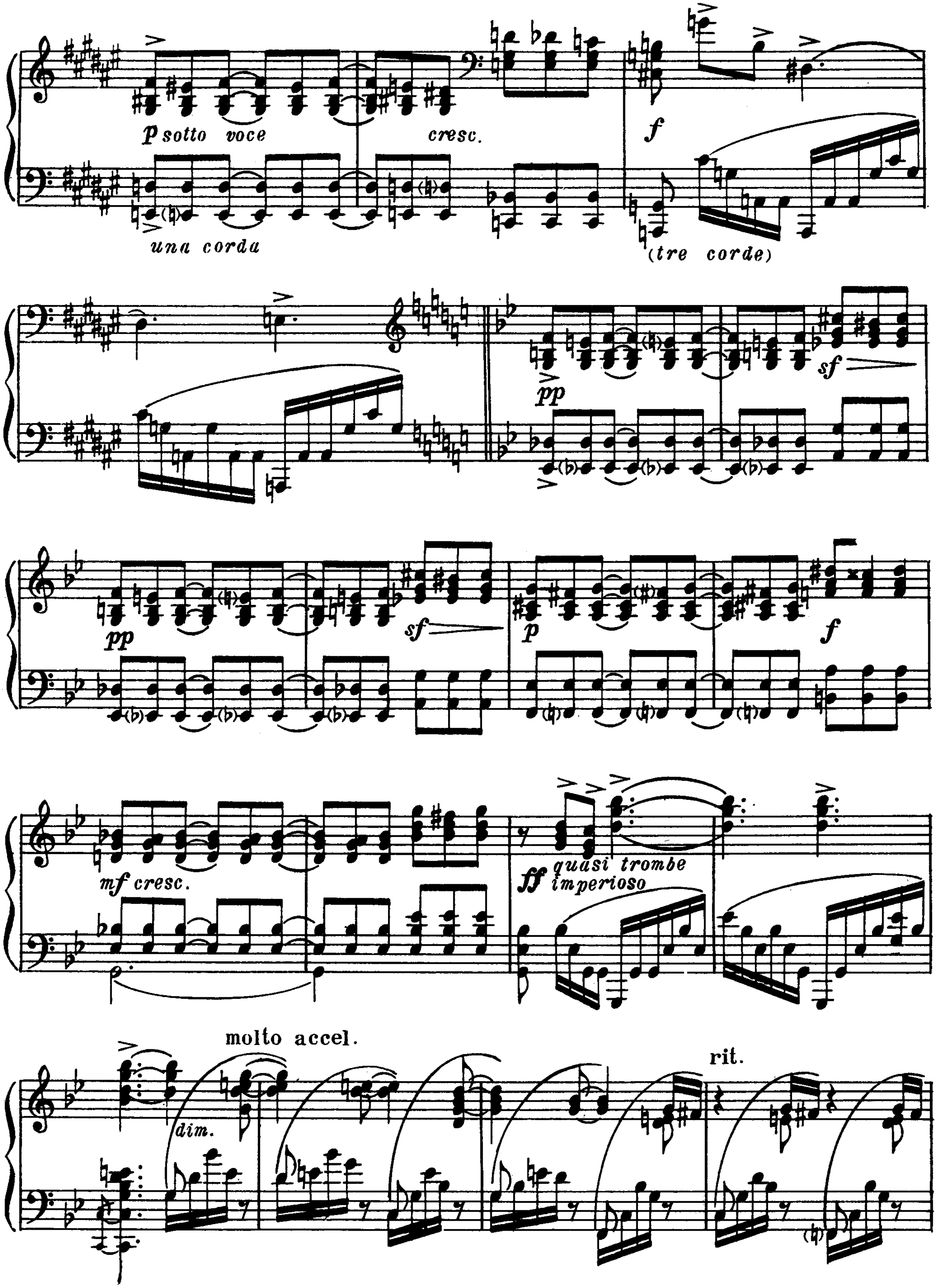
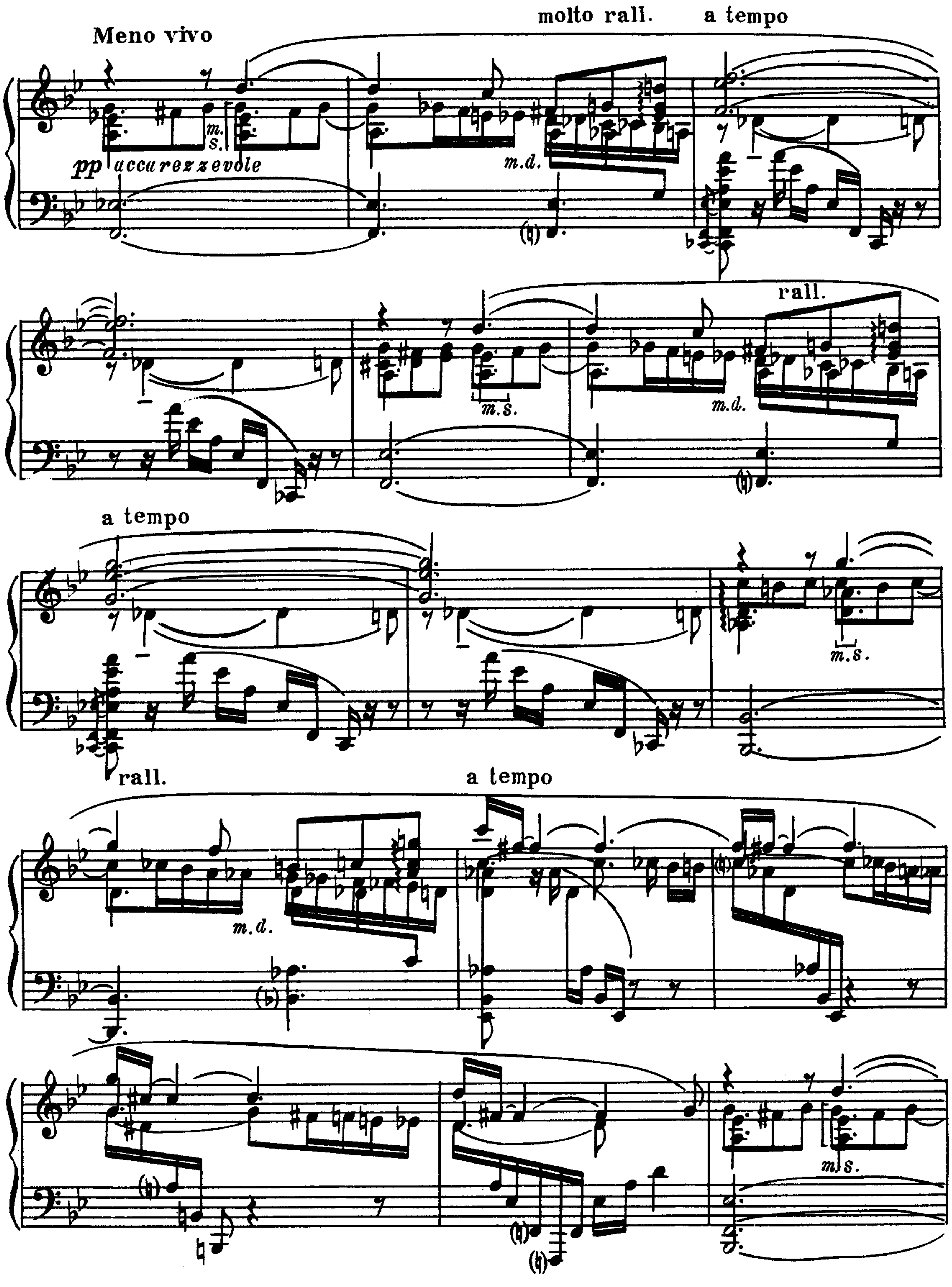
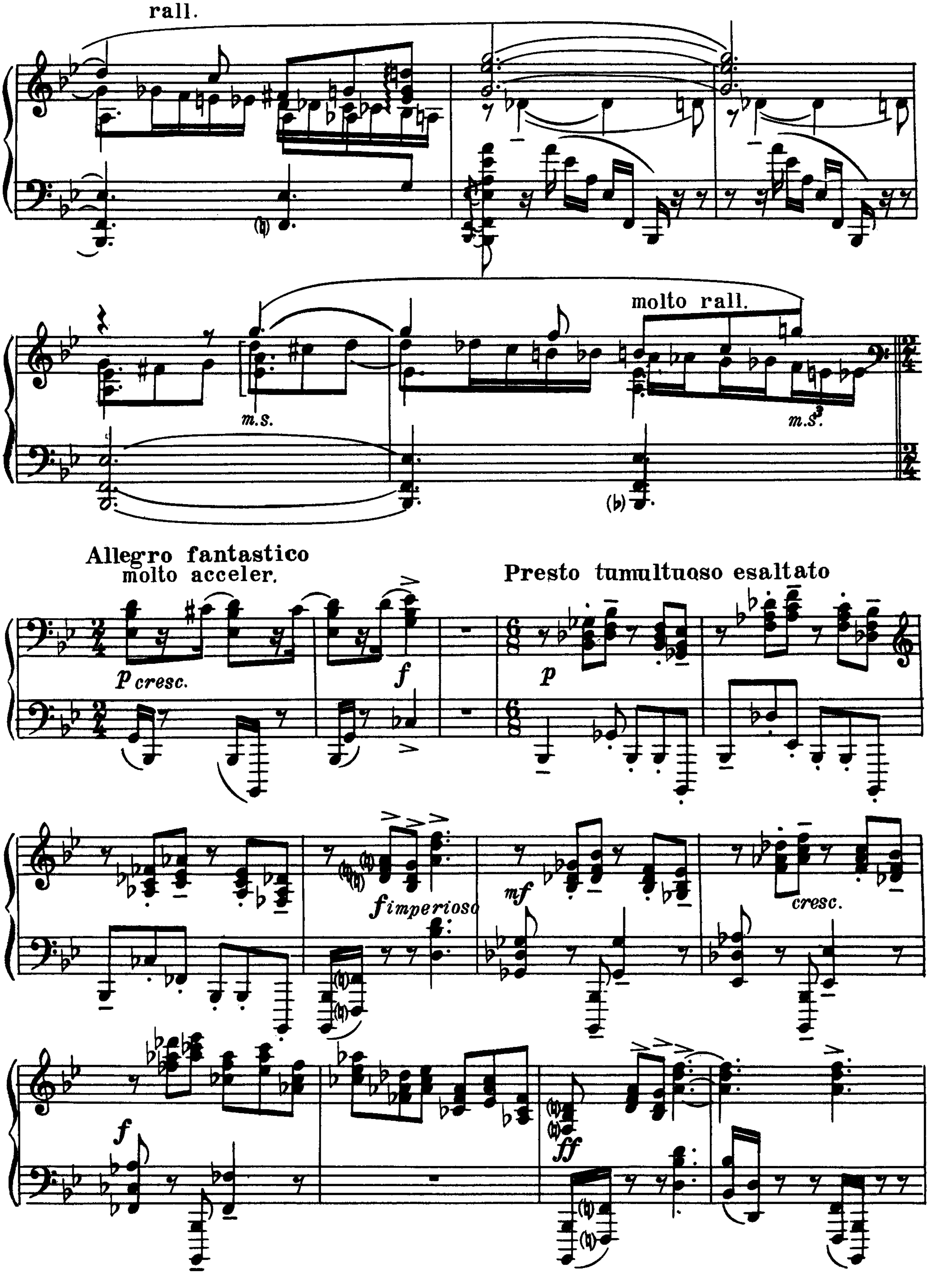
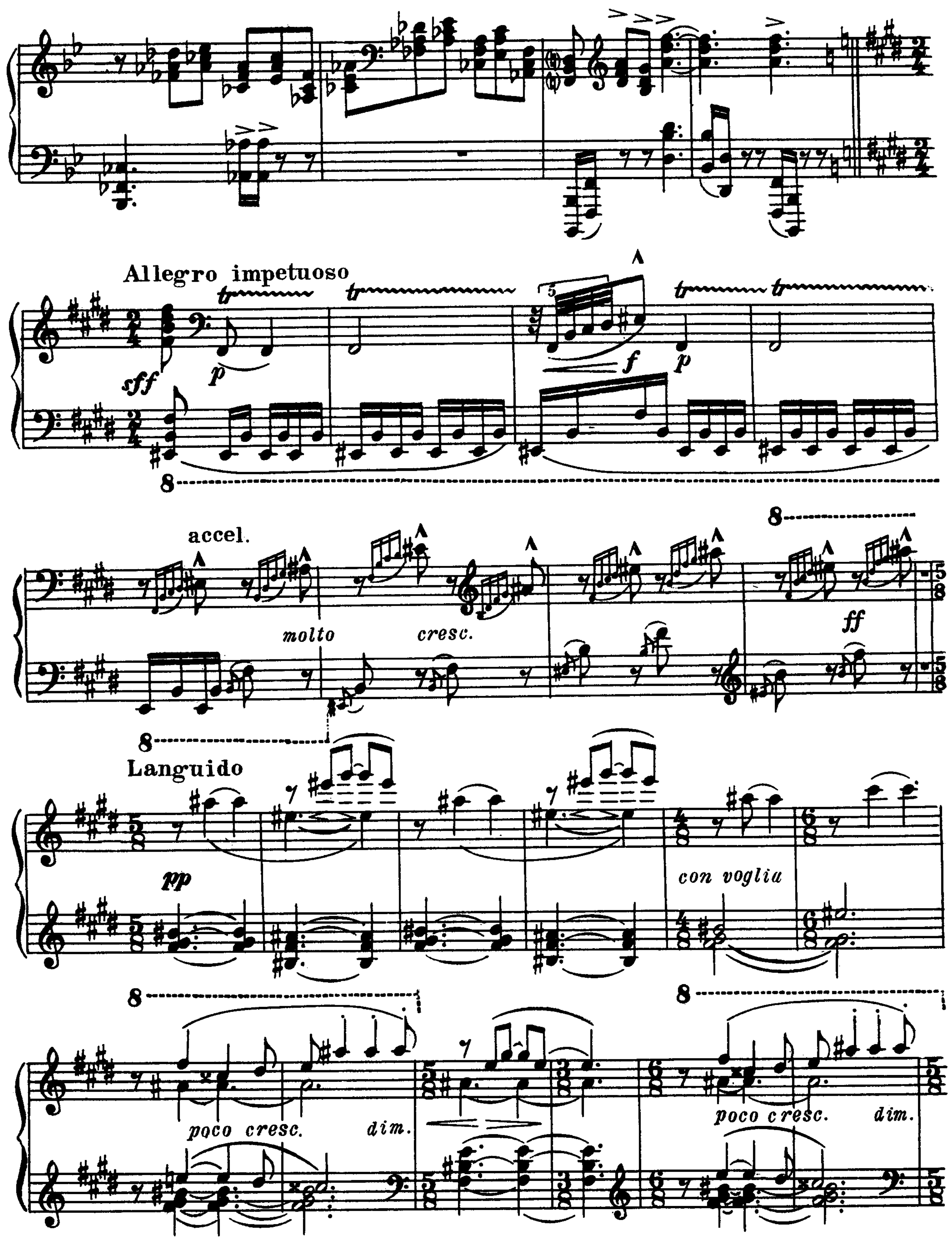
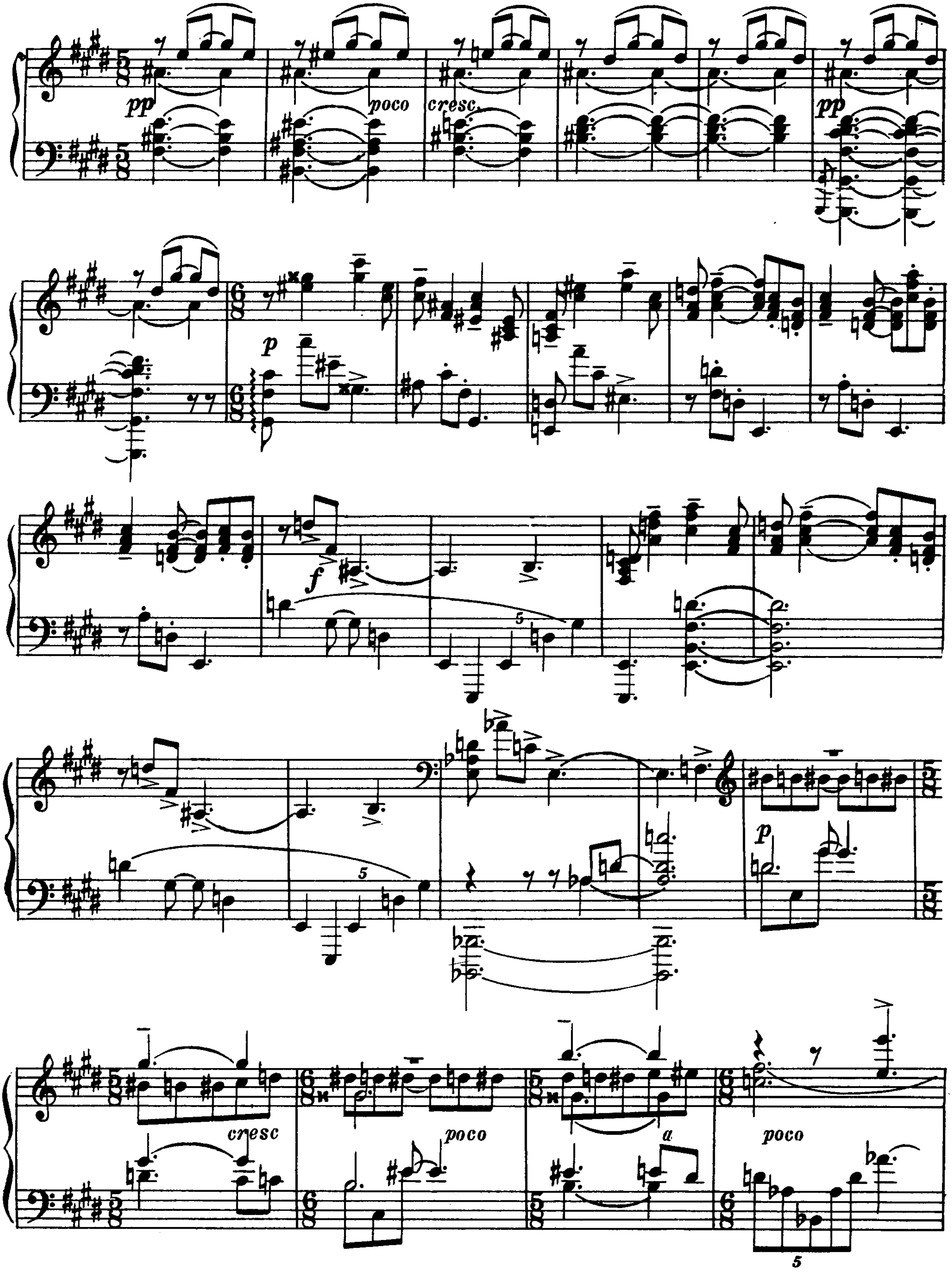
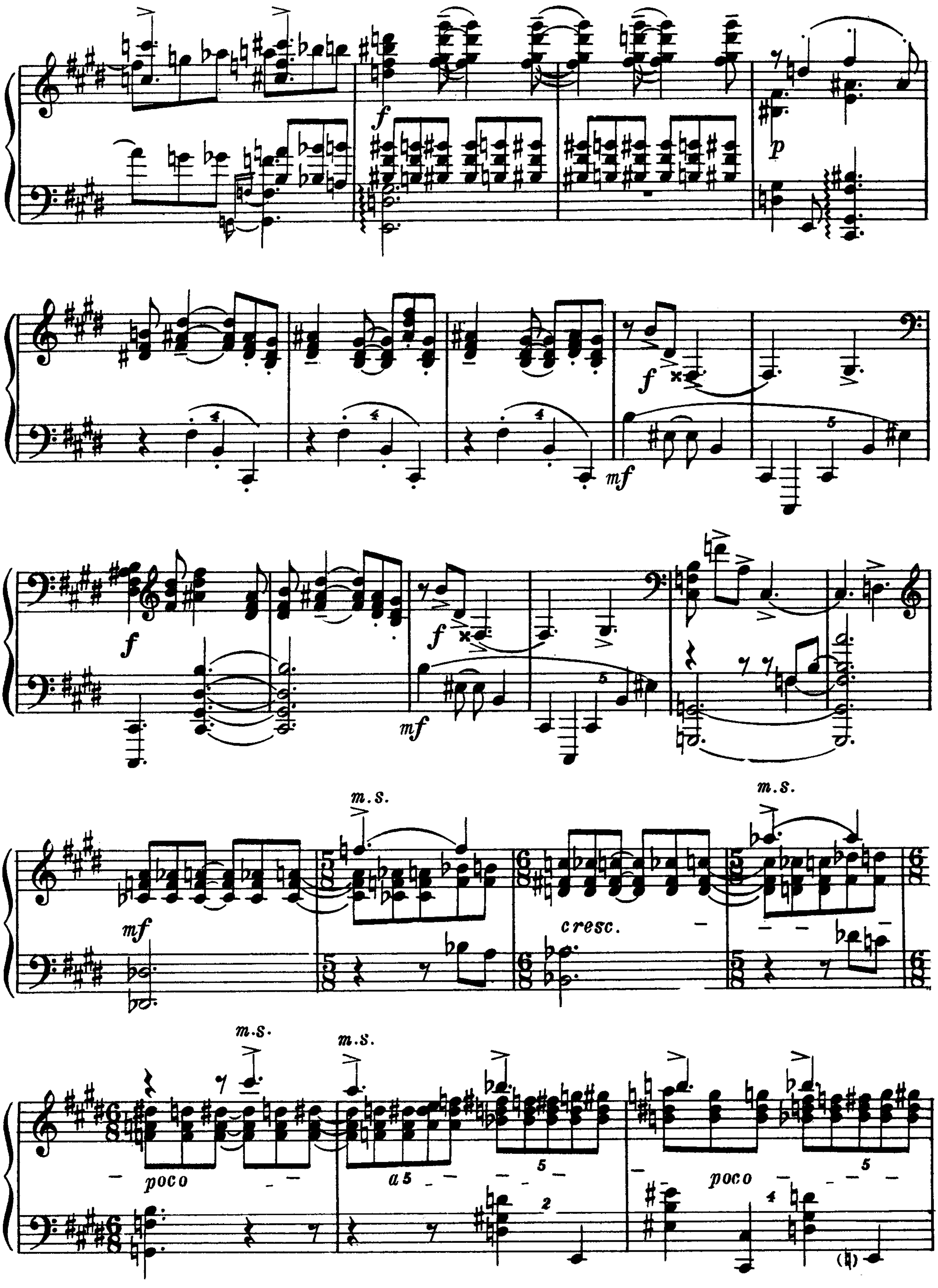
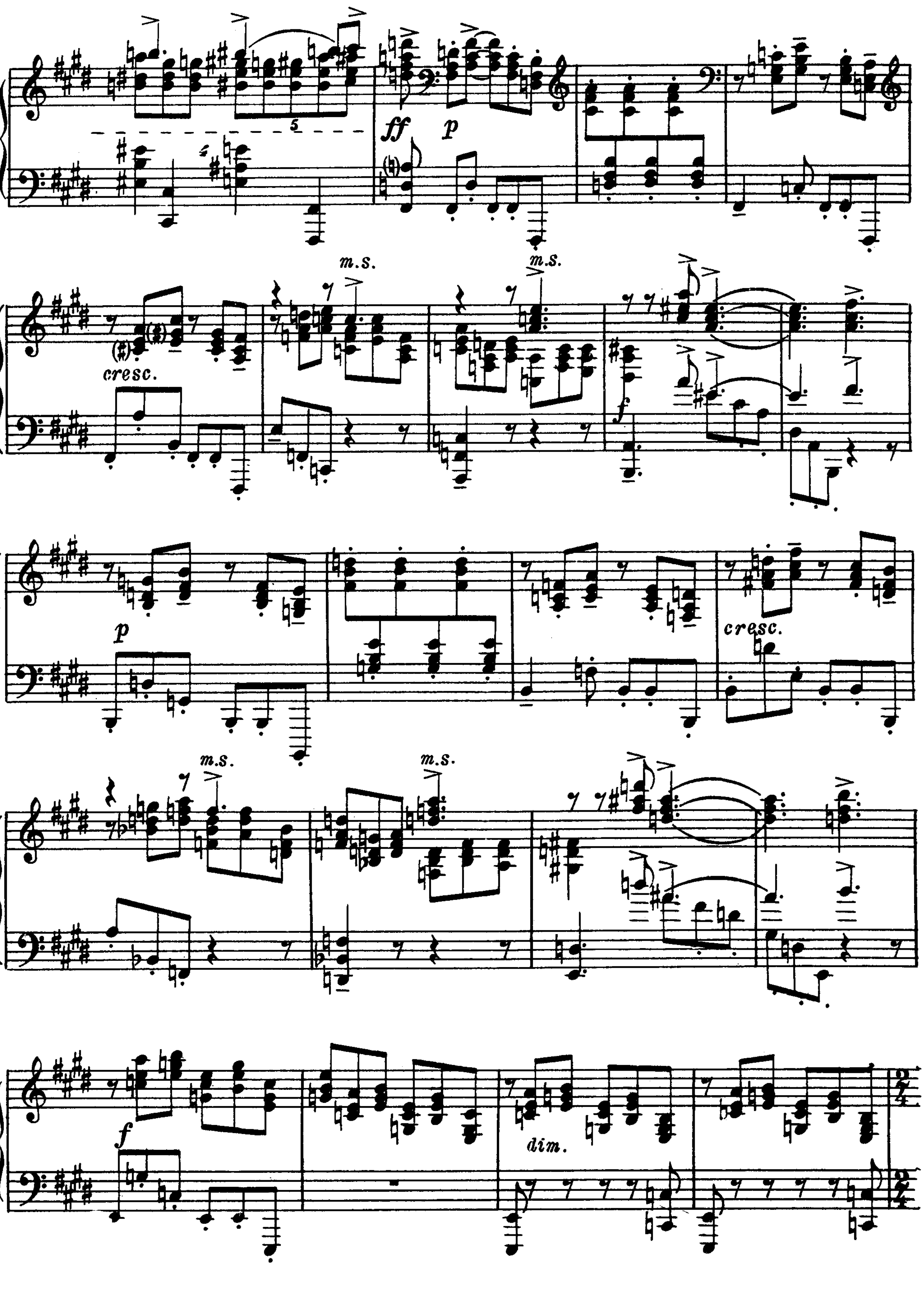
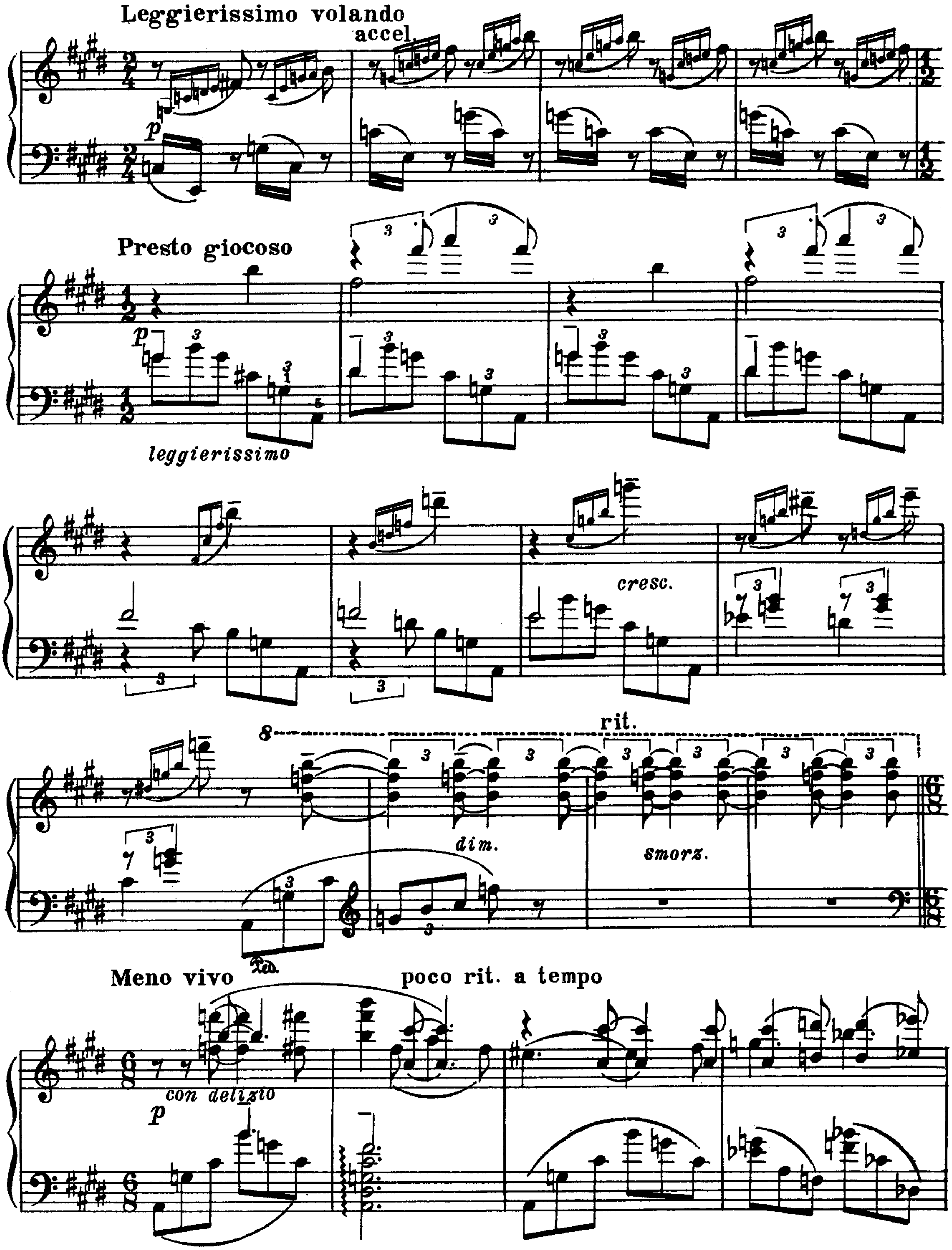
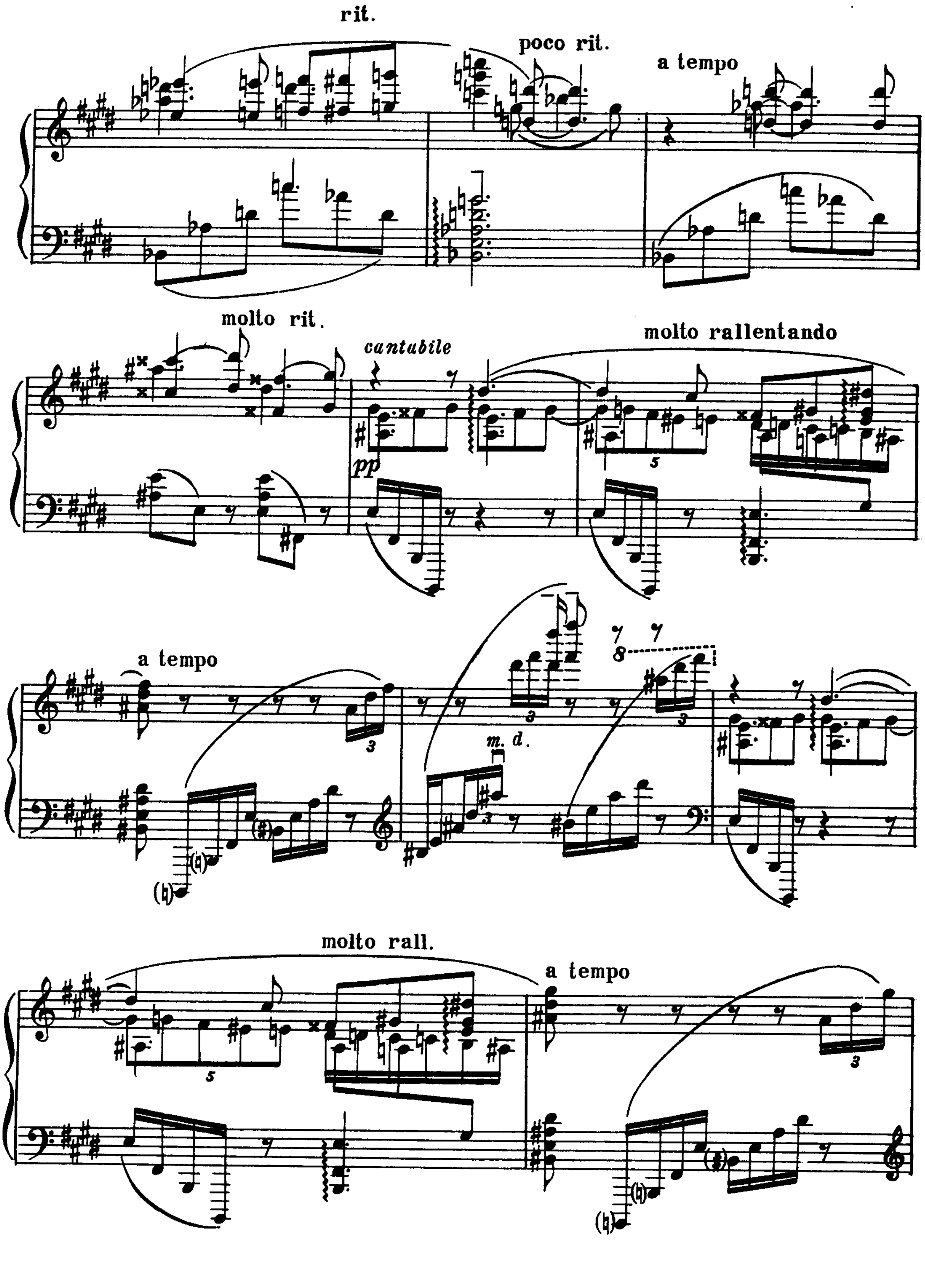
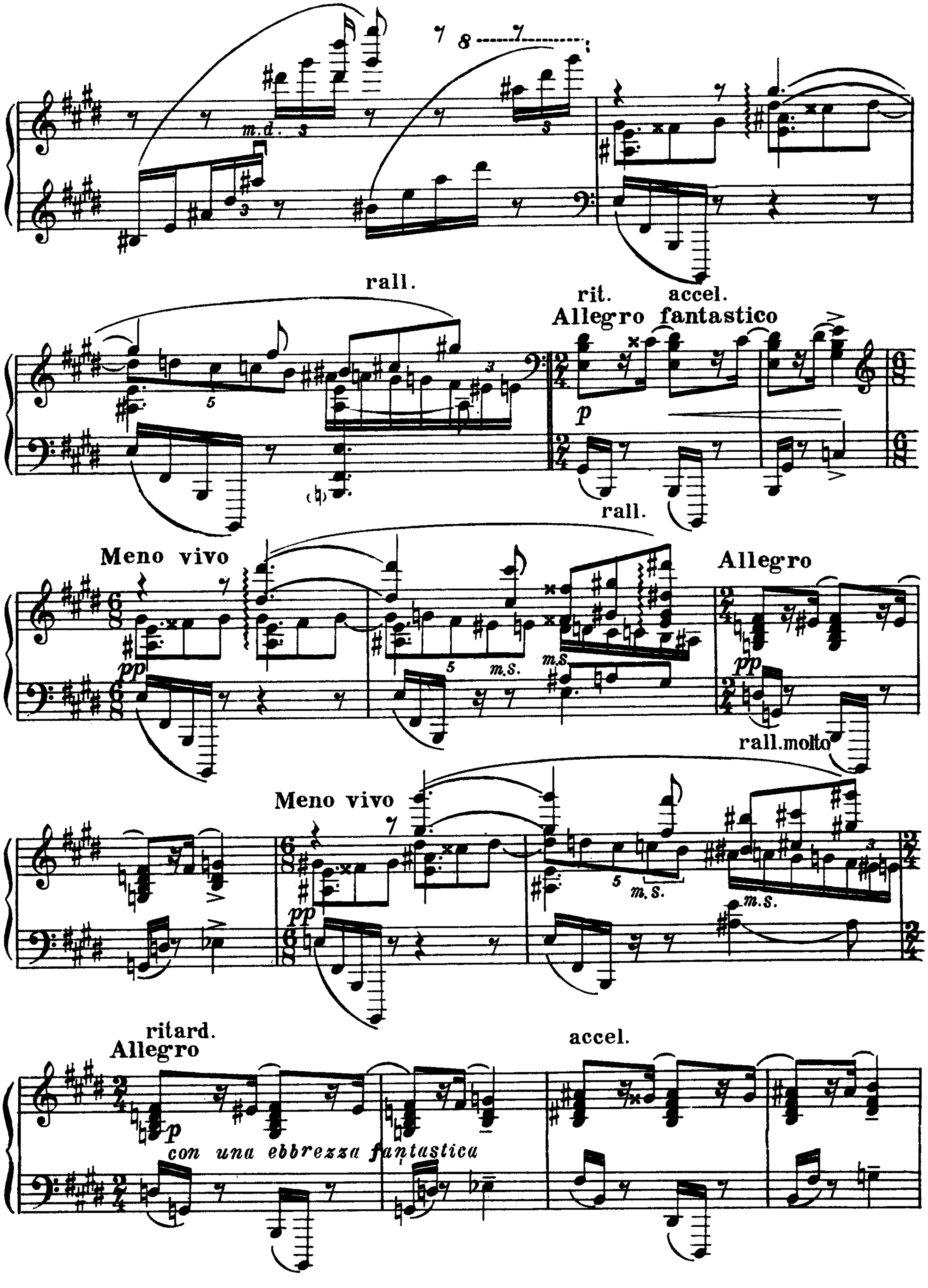
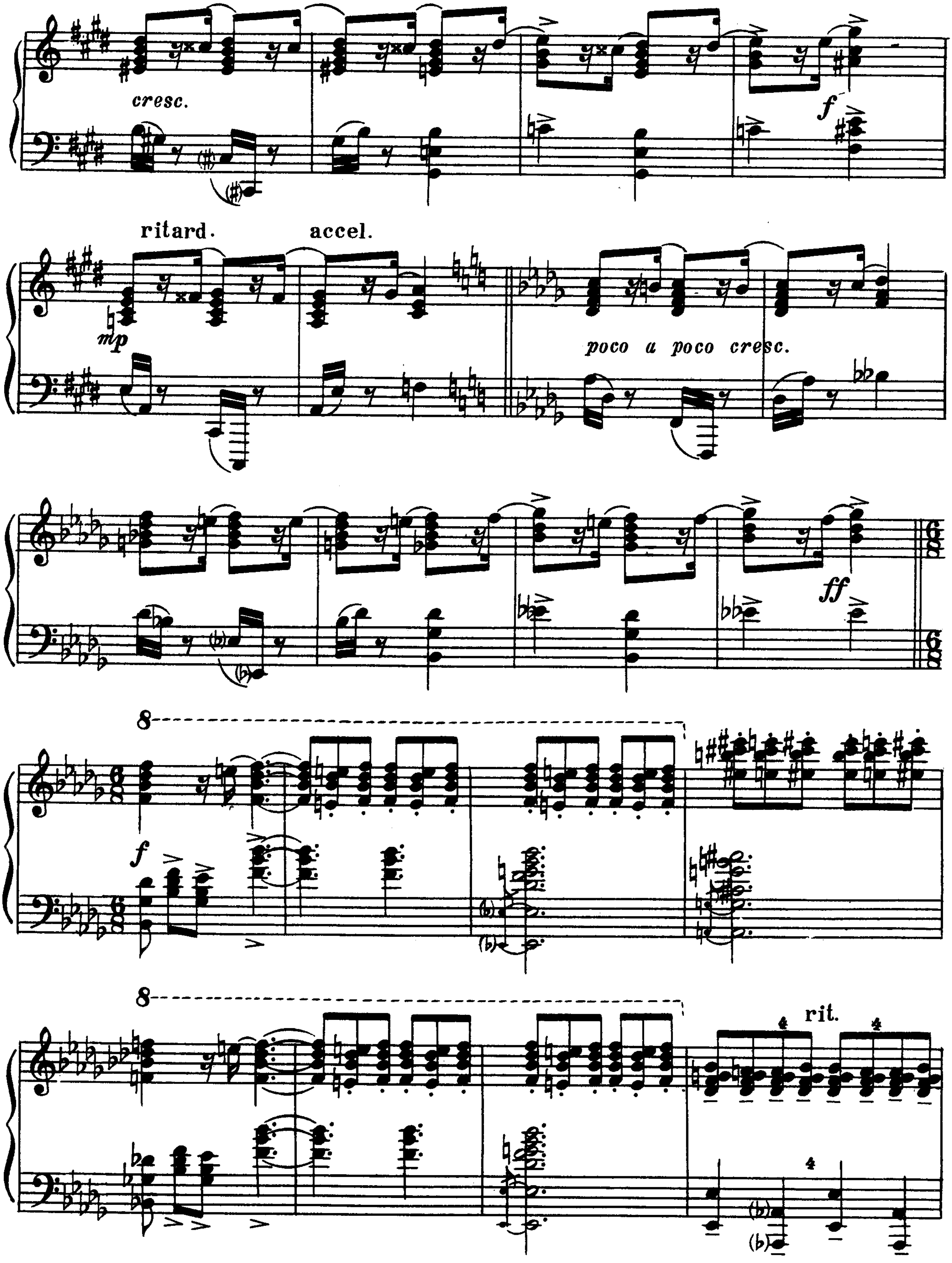
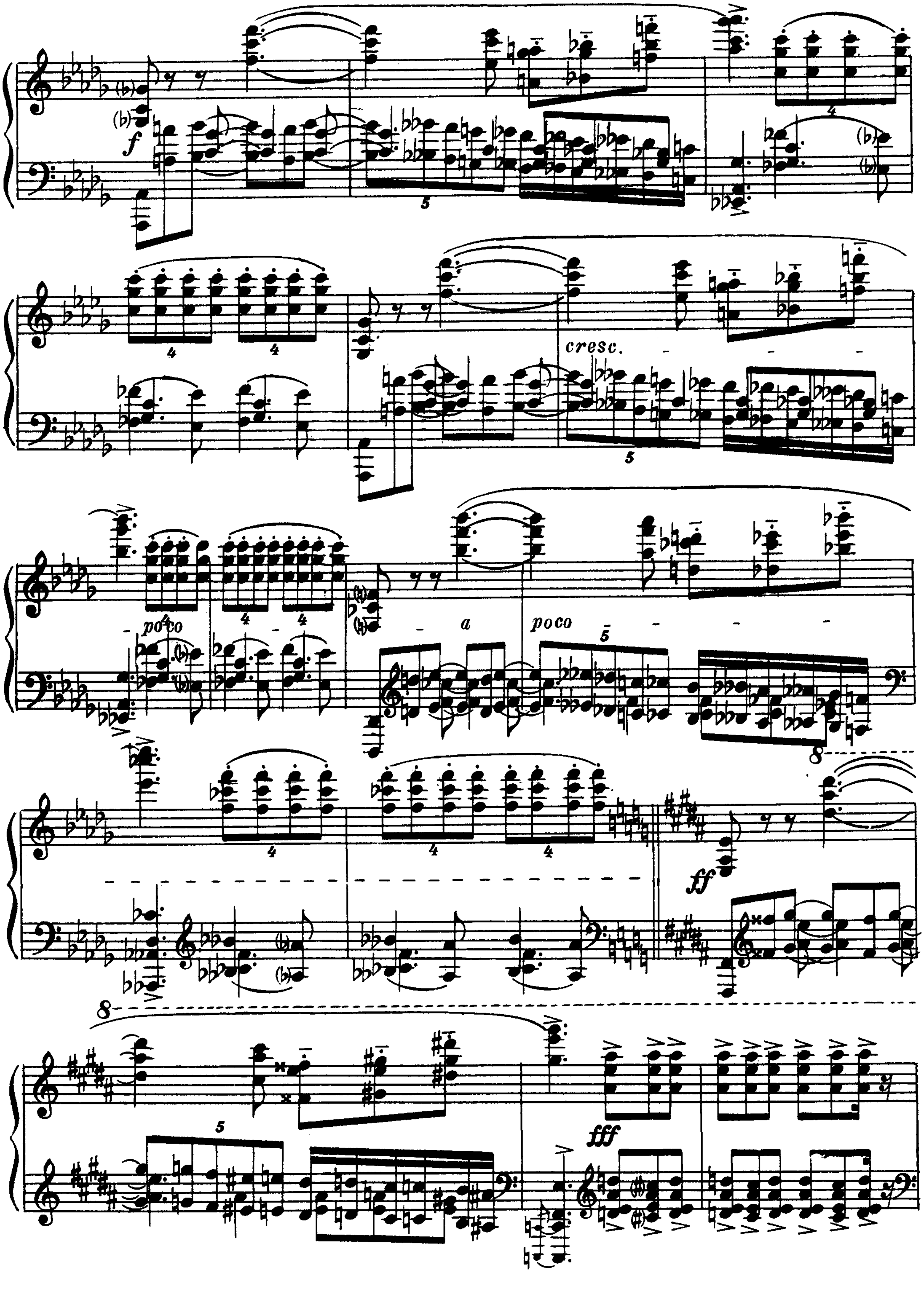
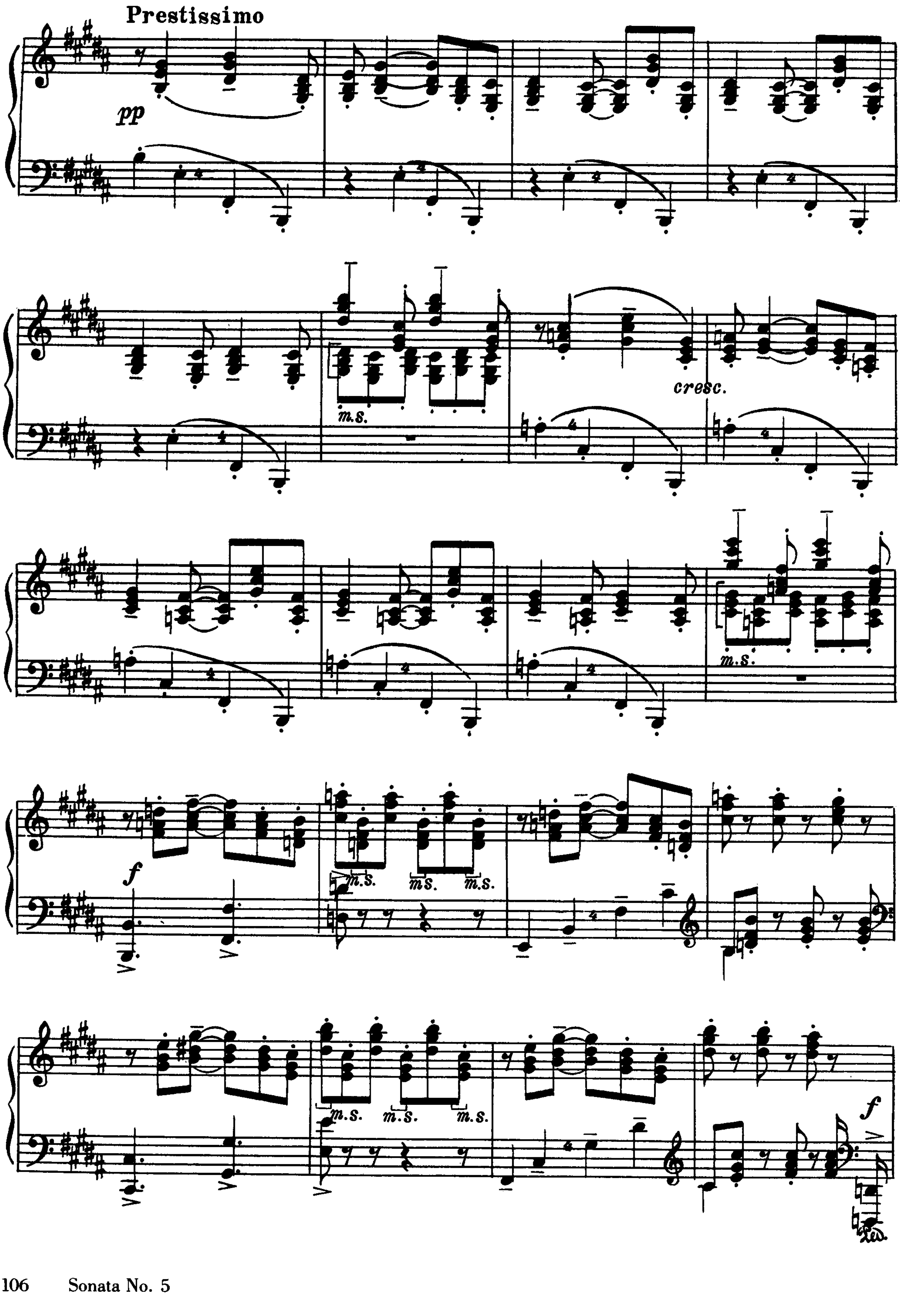
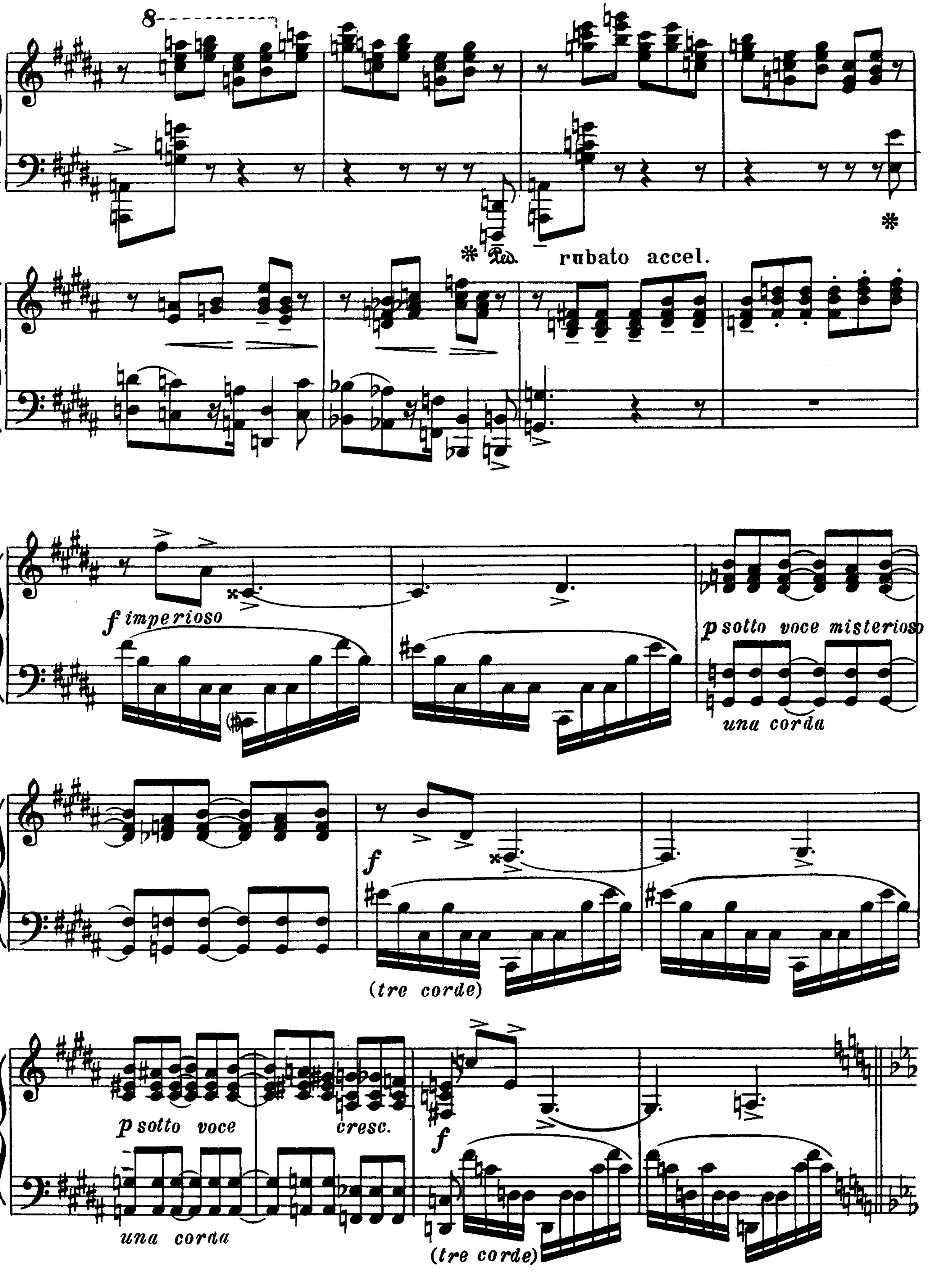
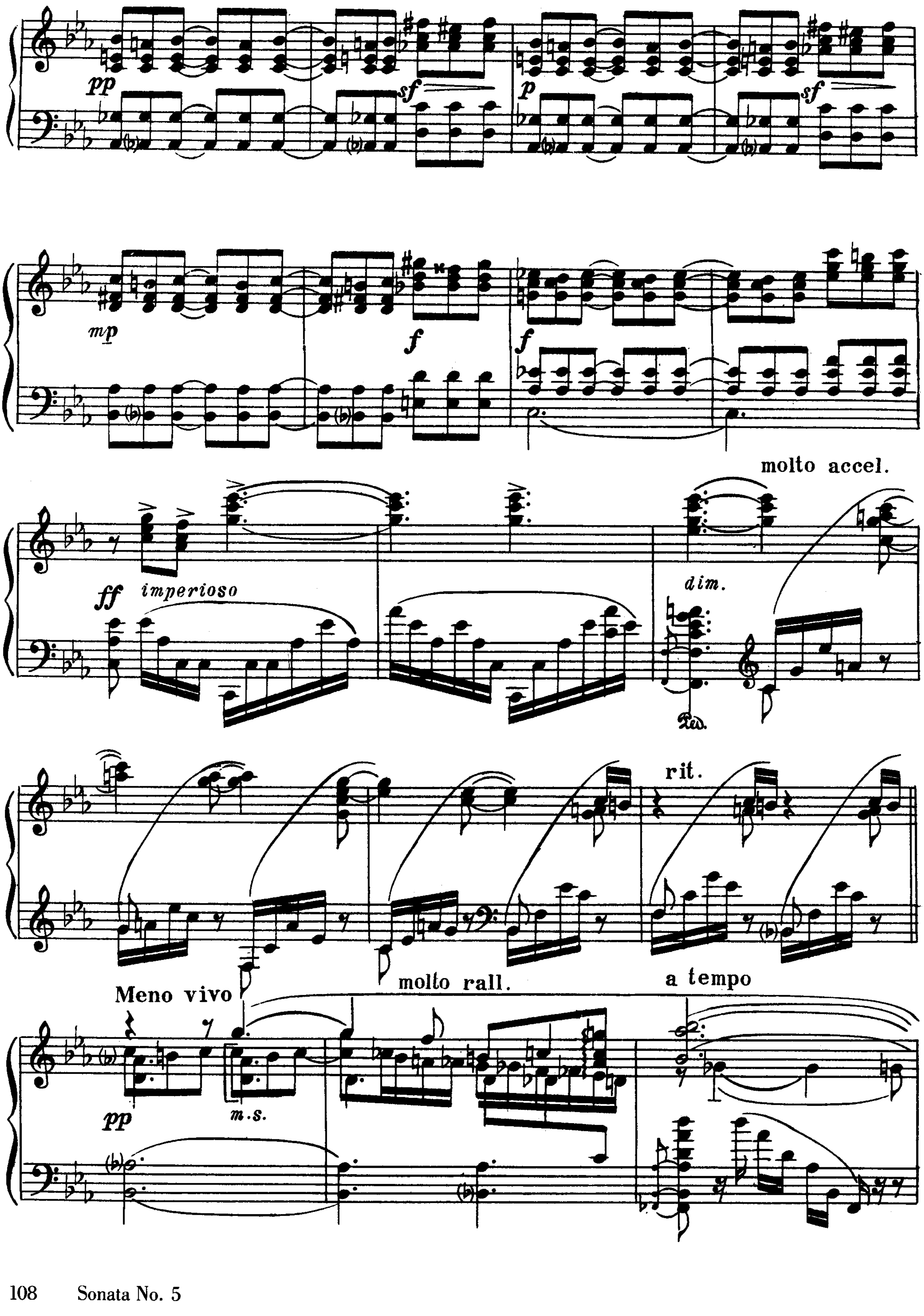
2

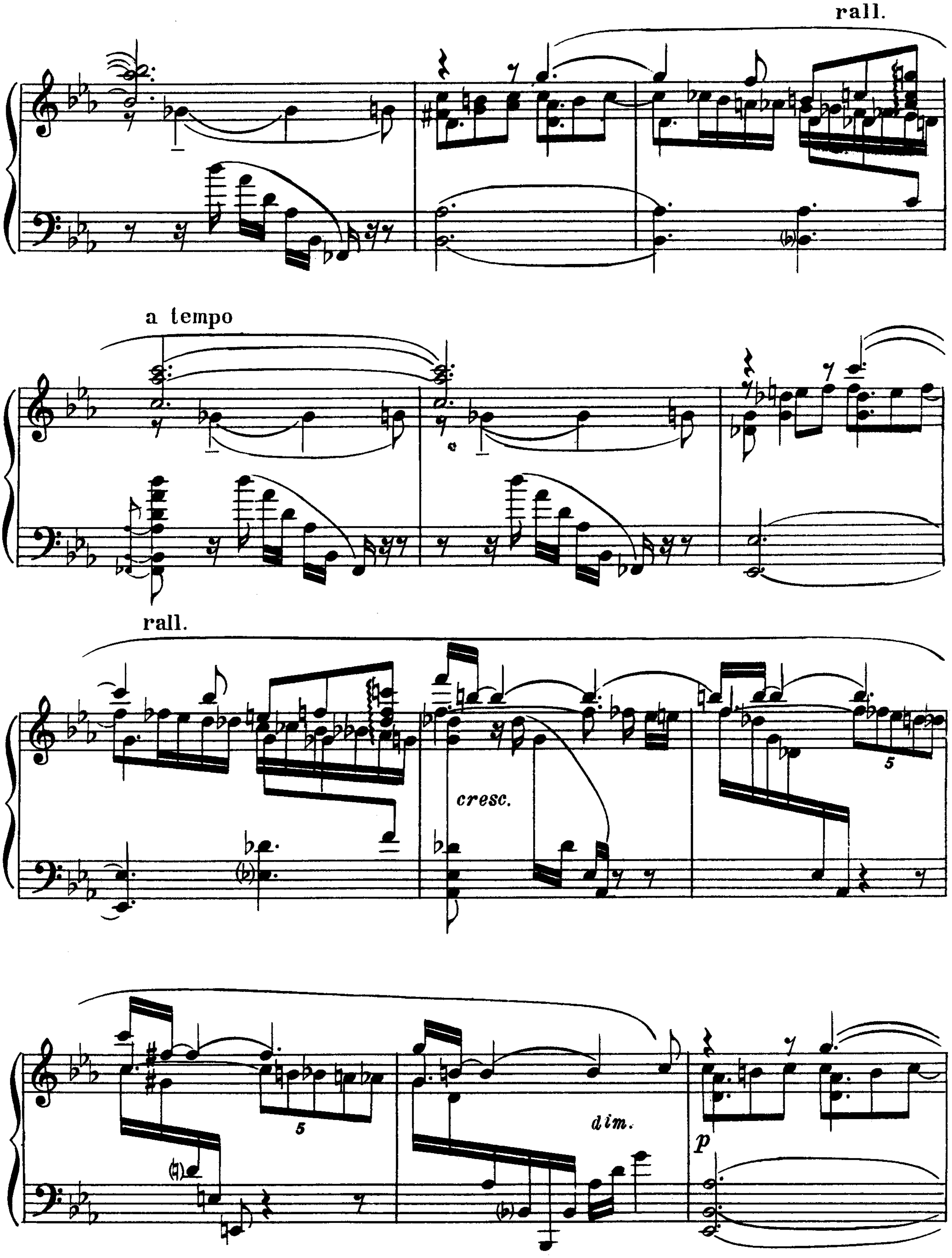
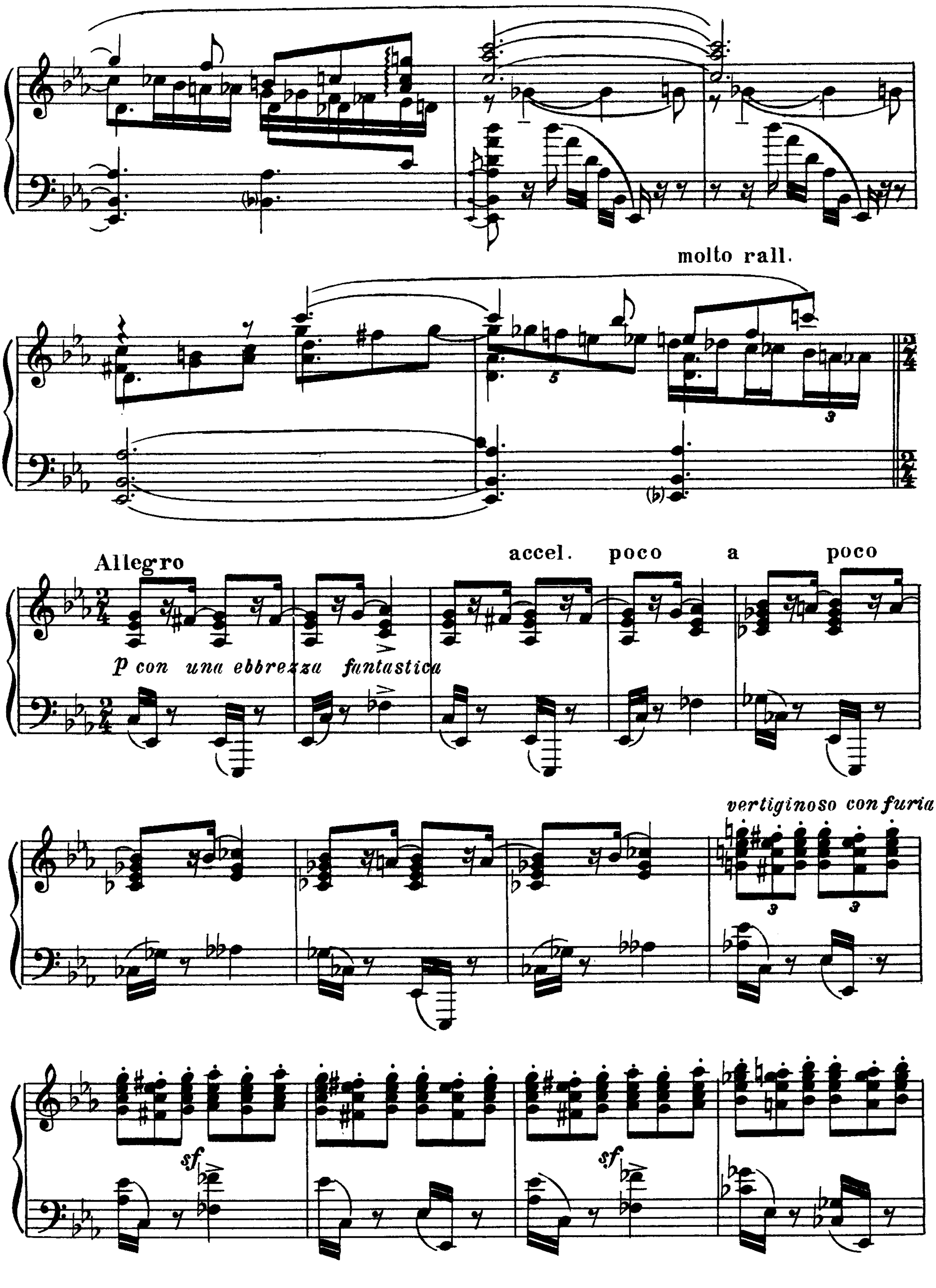
Sonata No. 5, Op. 53

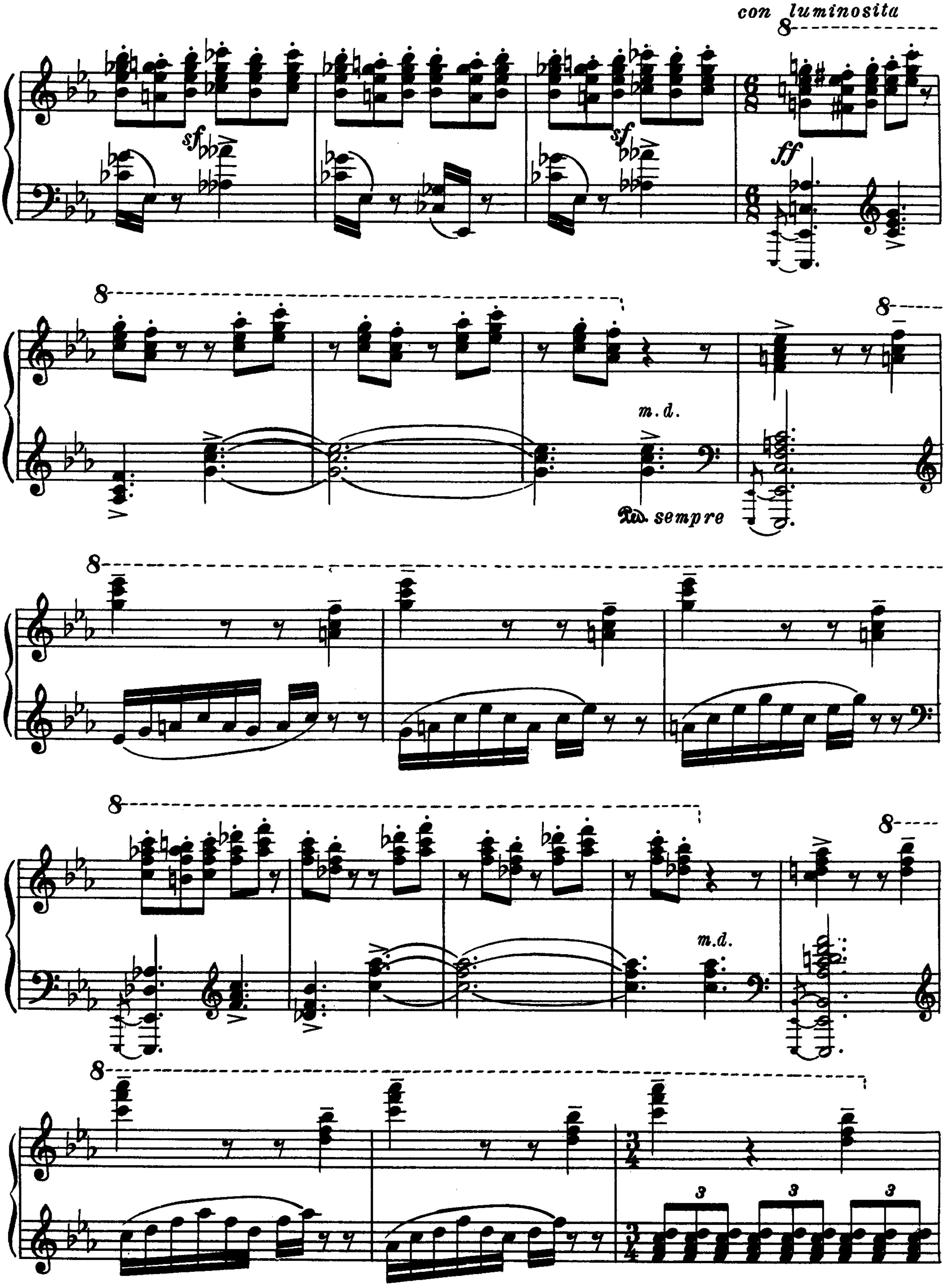
„Я к жизни призываю вас, скрытые стремленья!„
Вы, утонувшие в темных глубинах
Духа творящего, вы, боязливые
Жизни зародыши, вам дерзновенье я приношу.“

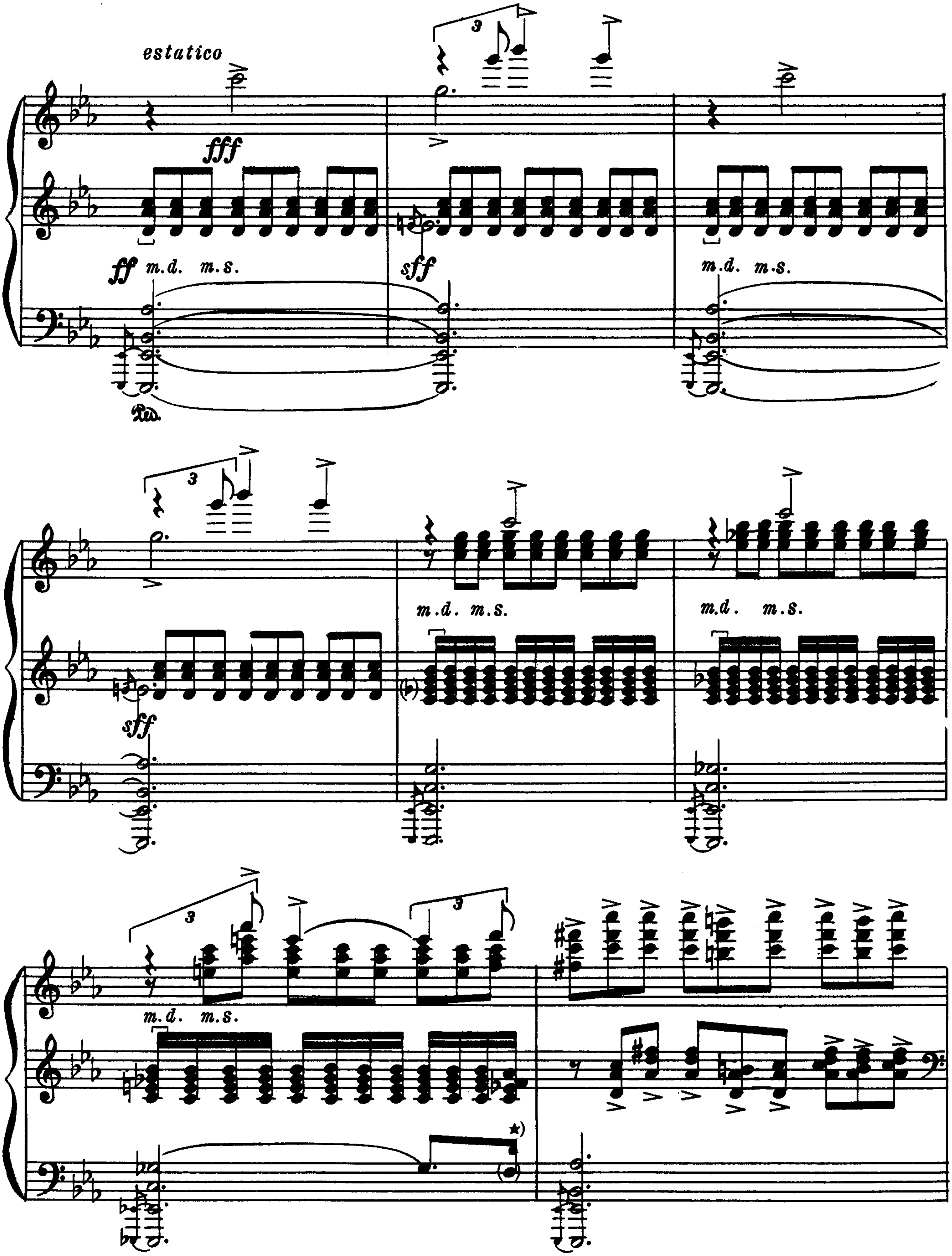
(*Поэма экстази, стр. 11*)

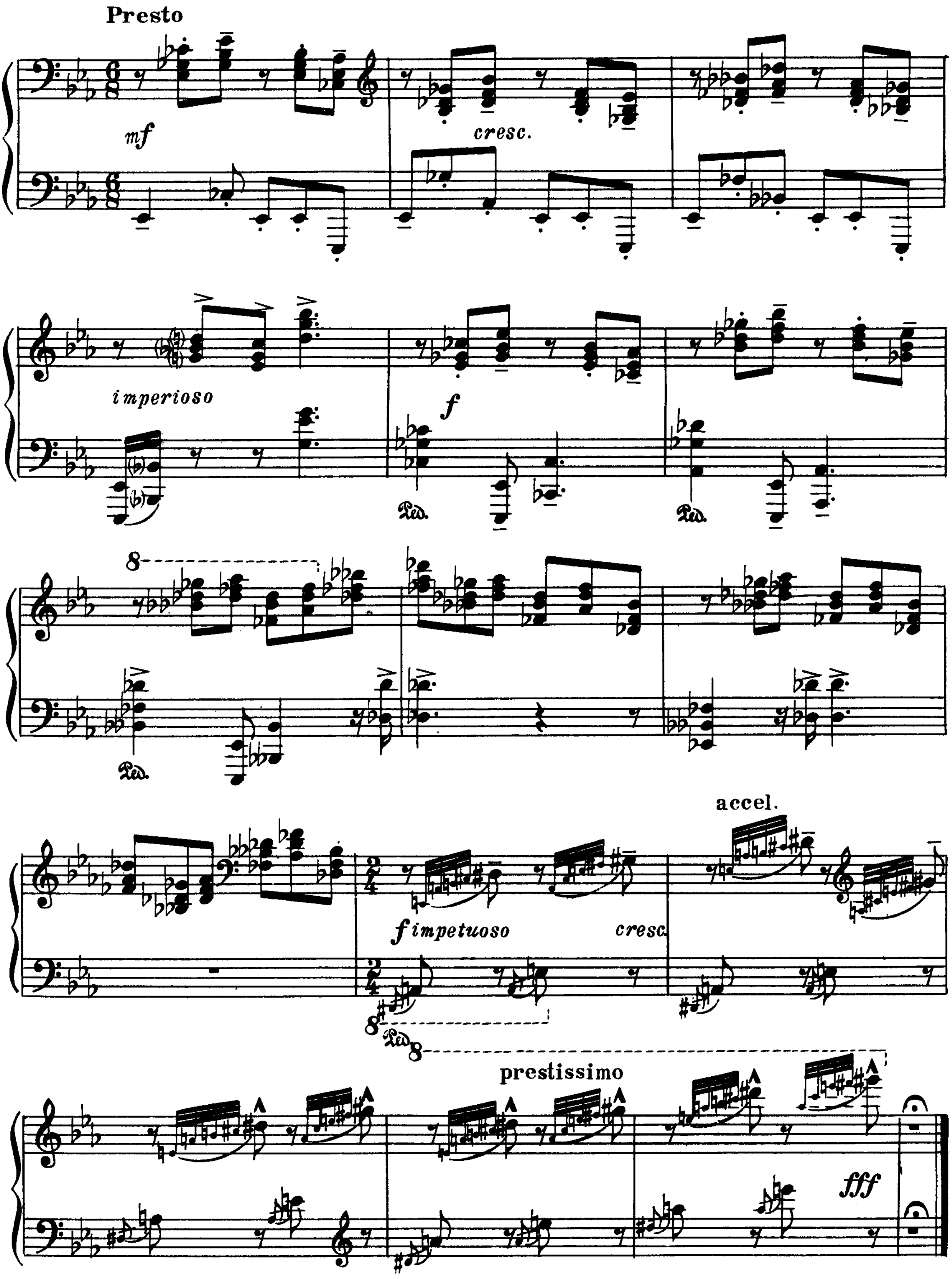
"I summon you to life, secret yearnings!
You who have been drowned in the dark depths
Of the creative spirit, you timorous
Embryos of life, it is to you that I bring daring."
(*Poem of Ecstasy*, 11)

Languido
pochiss.
pochiss.
pp dolciss.
con voglia
una corda
poco cresc.
dim.
pp
poco
cresc.
dim.
pp
poco cresc.
dim.
pp molto languido
poco cresc.
dim. smorz.
Ped.
Accarezzevole
p dolce
Ped.

accel.
poco cresc.
pp
pp
poco cresc.
pp
Presto con allegrezza
pp
cresc.
poco
a
poco
f

p
f
m.s. m.s. m.s.
dim.
pp
cresc.
poco
a
poco
f

f
rubato
f imperioso
p sotto voce misterioso affanato
una corda
f
(tre corde)

p sotto voce
cresc.
una corda
f
(tre corde)
pp
sf
pp
sf
p
f
mf cresc.
quasi trombe
ff imperioso
molto accel.
dim.
rit.

Meno vivo
molto rall.
a tempo
m.s.
pp accarezzevole
m.d.
m.s.
rall.
m.d.
a tempo
m.s.
rall.
a tempo
m.d.
m.s.

rall.
m.s.
molto rall.
m.s.
Allegro fantastico
molto acceler.
Presto tumultuoso esaltato
p cresc.
f
p
f imperioso
mf
cresc.
f
ff

Allegro impetuoso
sff
p
f
p
8
accel.
molto
cresc.
ff
Languido
pp
con voglia
poco cresc.
dim.
poco cresc.
dim.

pp
poco
cresc.
pp
p
f
5
5
p
cresc
poco
a
poco
5


f
p
f
mf
f
f
mf
m.s.
m.s.
mf
cresc.
m.s.
m.s.
poco
a 5
poco

ff
p
m.s.
cresc.
f
dim.

Leggierissimo volando
accel.
p
Presto giocoso
p
leggierissimo
cresc.
8
rit.
dim.
smorz.
Meno vivo
poco rit. a tempo
con delizio
p

rit.
poco rit.
a tempo
molto rit.
cantabile
pp
molto rallentando
a tempo
m. d.
8
molto rall.
a tempo

m.d.
8
rall.
rit.
accel.
Allegro fantastico
p
rall.
Meno vivo
pp
m.s.
Allegro
pp
rall. molto
Meno vivo
pp
m.s.
ritard.
Allegro
p
con una ebbrezza fantastica
accel.

cresc.
f
ritard.
accel.
mp
poco a poco cresc.
ff
f
rit.

f
cresc.
poco
a
poco
ff
fff

Prestissimo
pp
m.s.
cresc.
m.s.
f
m.s.
m.s.
m.s.
m.s.
m.s.
m.s.
f
Ped.

8
Ped.
rubato accel.
f imperioso
p sotto voce misterioso
una corda
f
(tre corde)
p sotto voce
cresc.
una corda
f
(tre corde)

pp
sf
p
sf
mp
f
f
molto accel.
ff
imperioso
dim.
Ped.
rit.
Meno vivo
molto rall.
a tempo
pp
m.s.

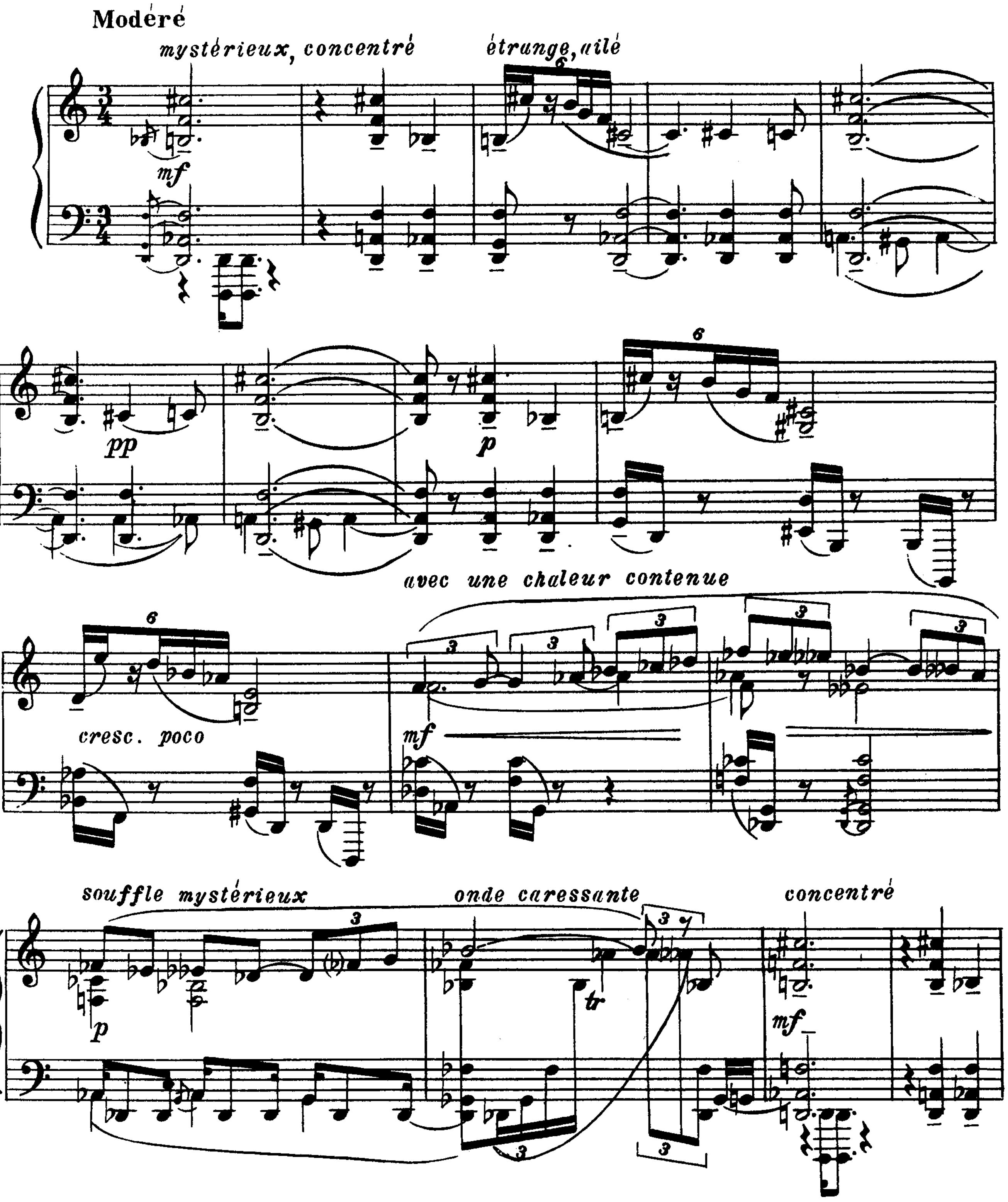
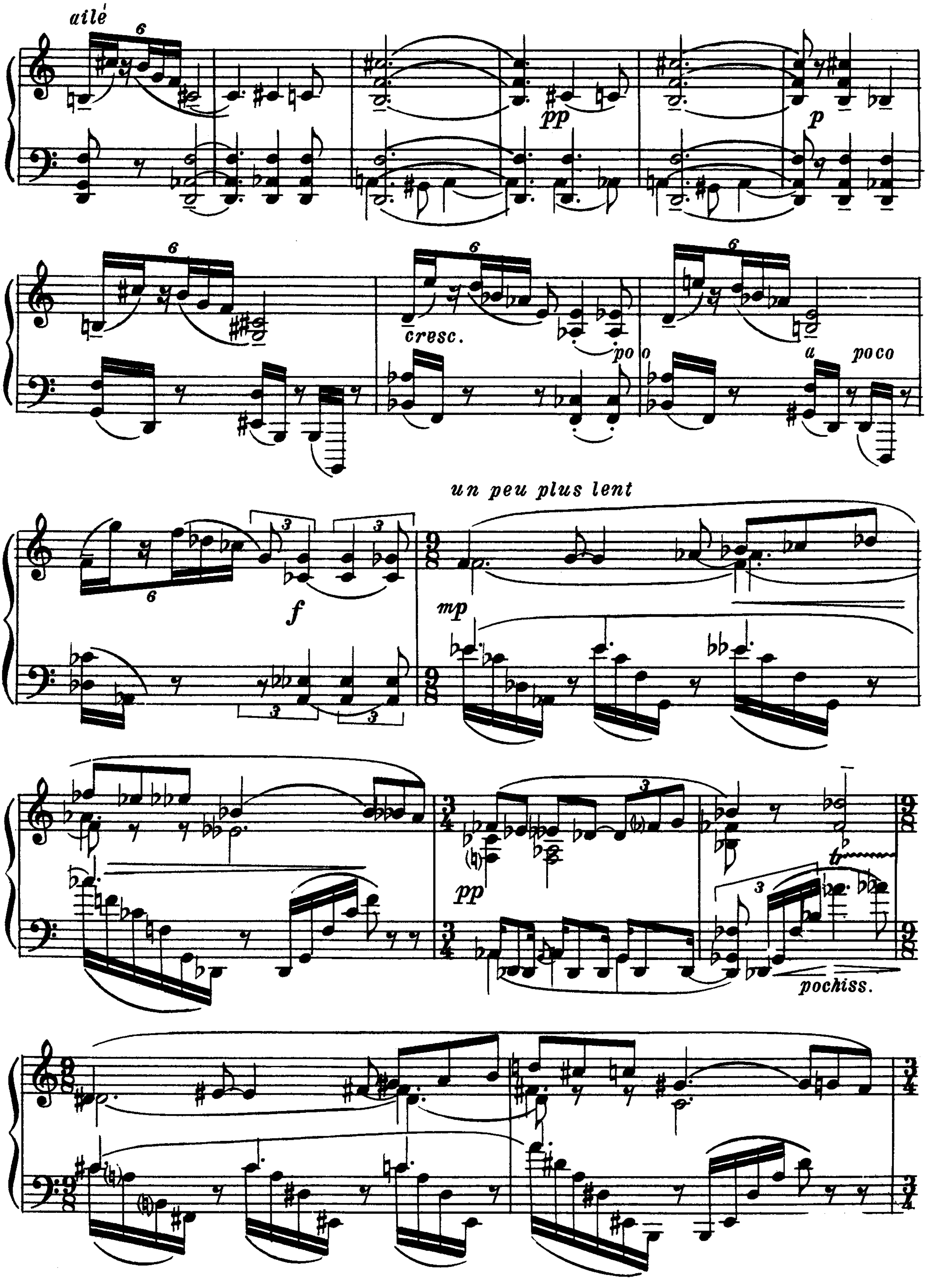

rall.
a tempo
rall.
cresc.
5
5
dim.
p

molto rall.
Allegro
accel. poco a poco
p con una ebbrezza fantastica
vertiginoso con furia
sf
sf

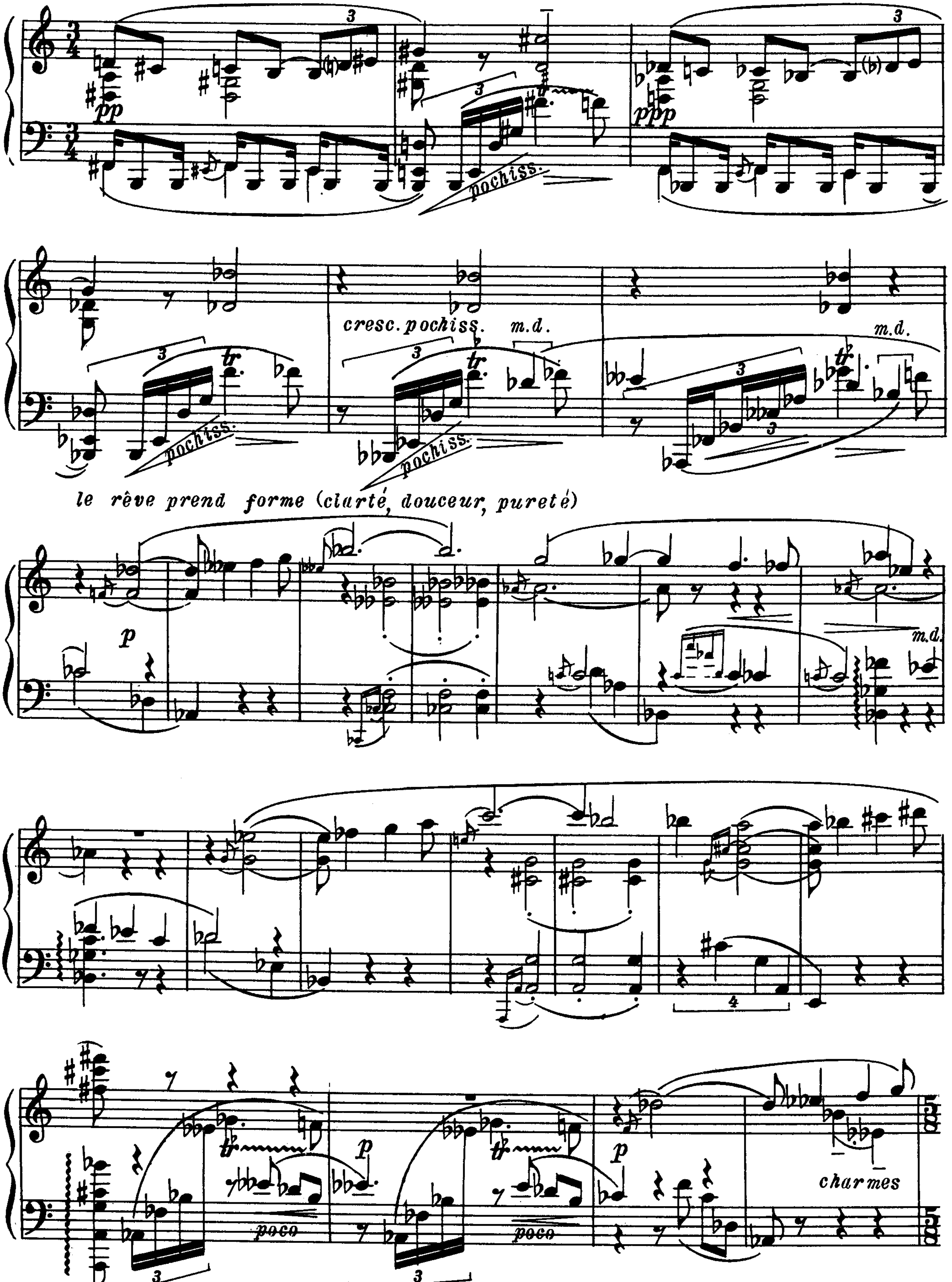
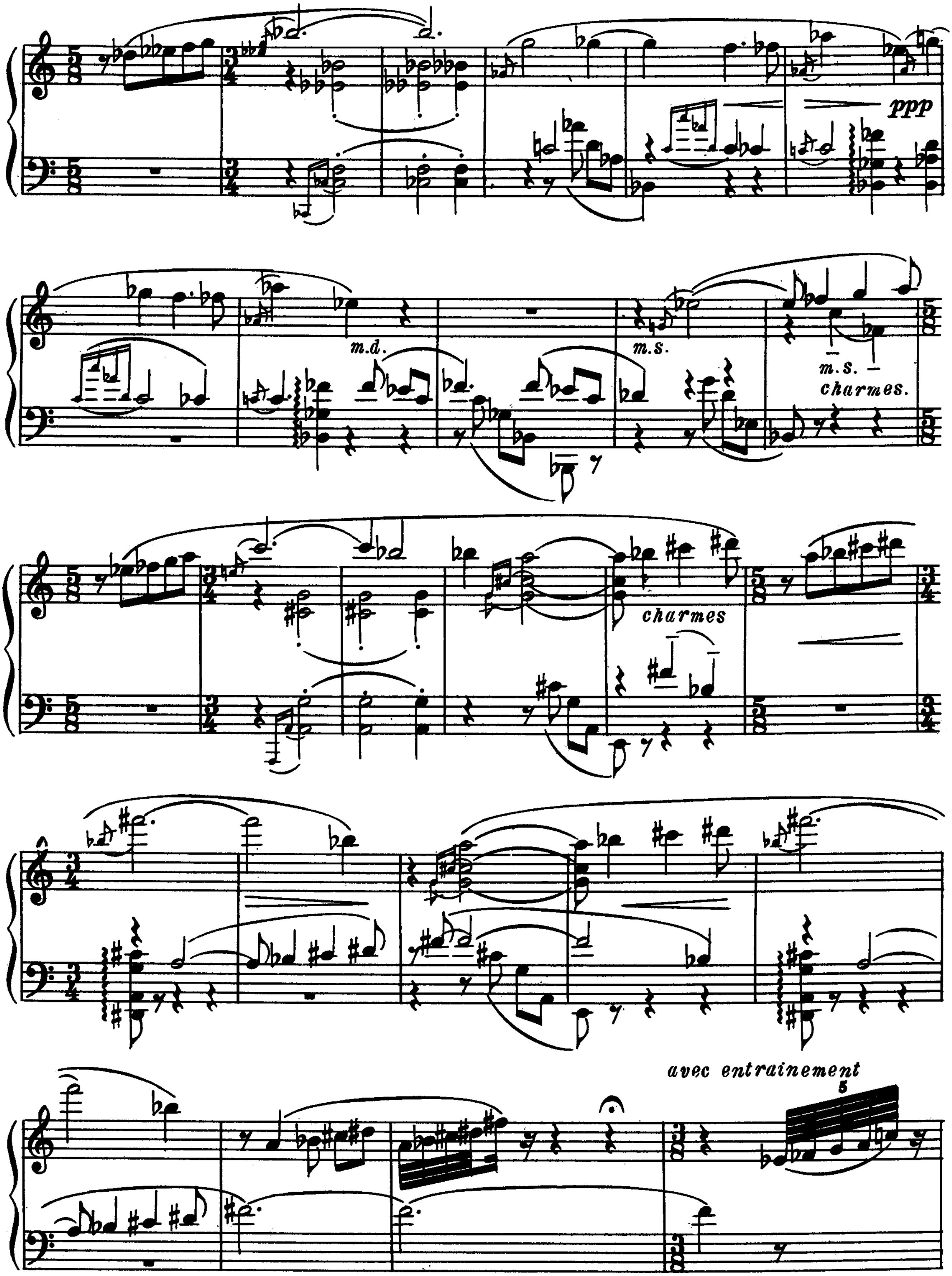
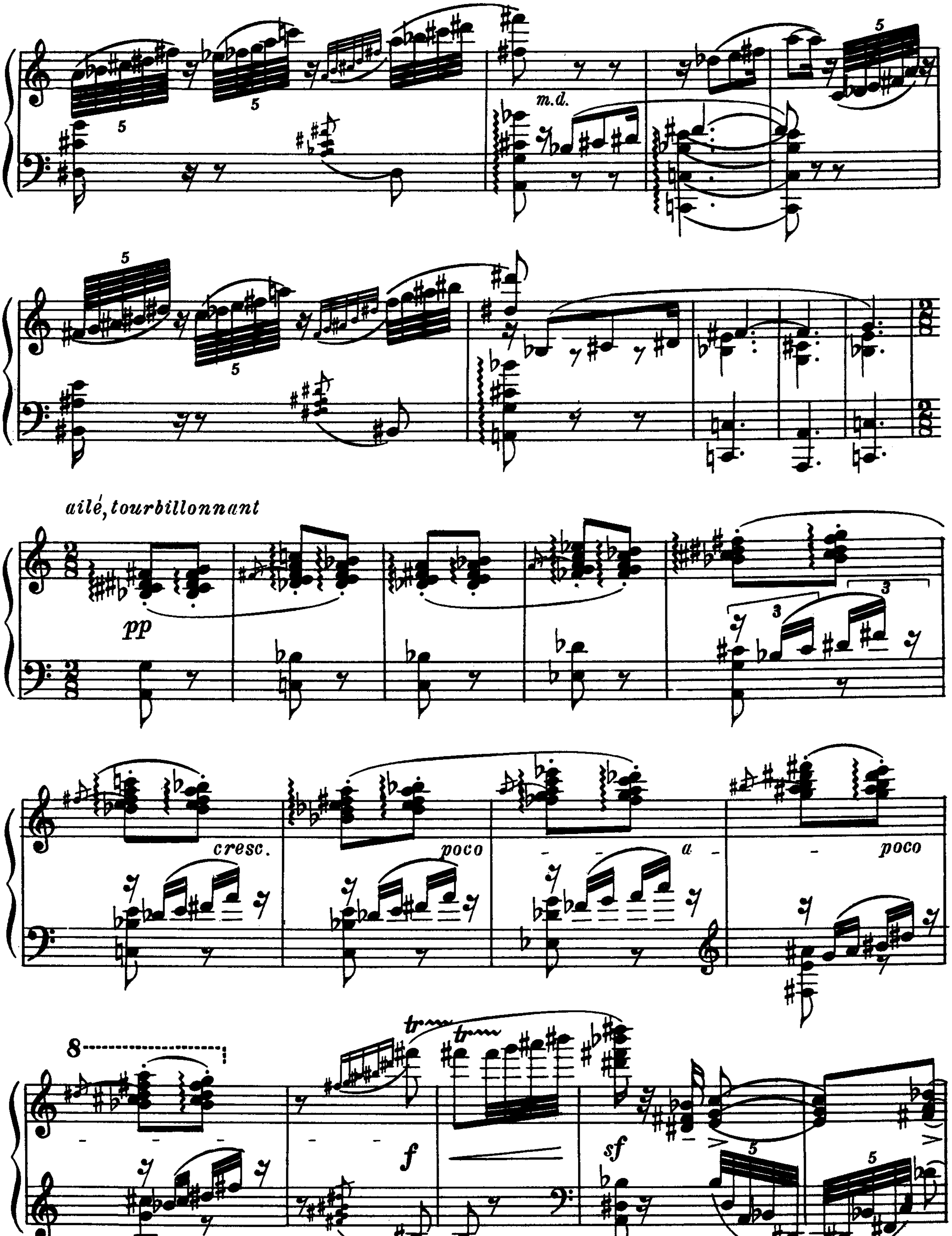
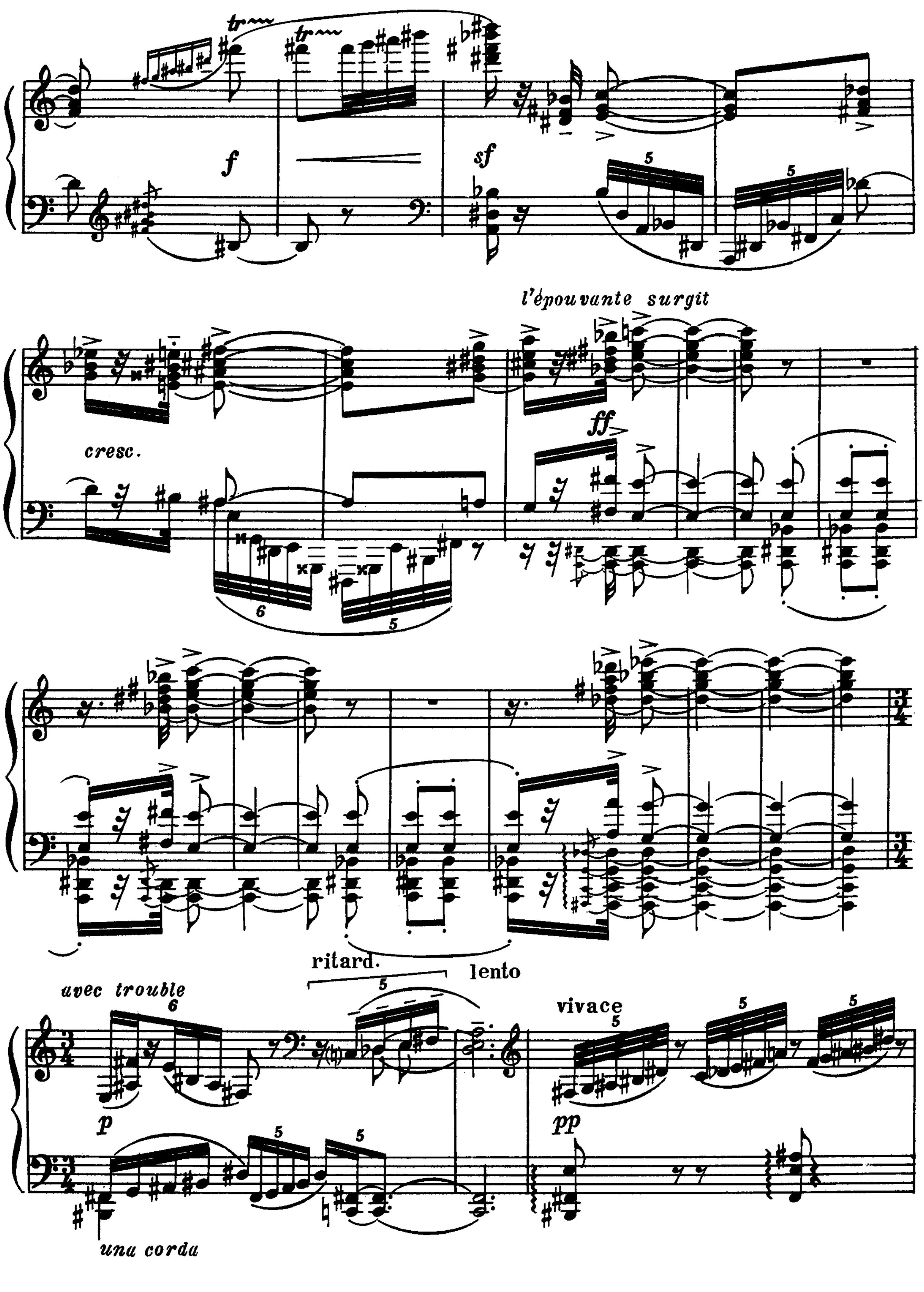

con luminosita
sf
sf
ff
m.d.
Ped. sempre
m.d.

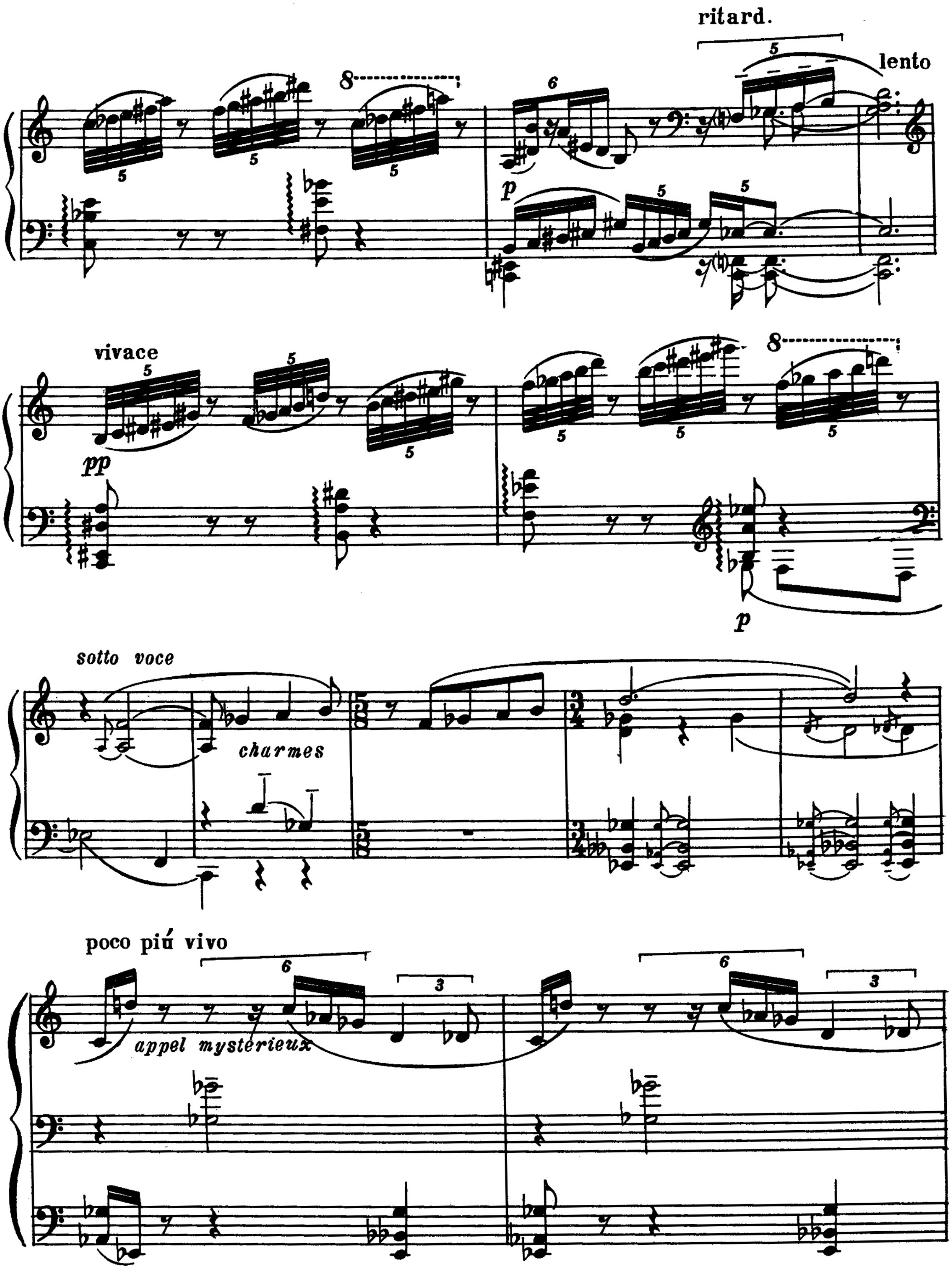
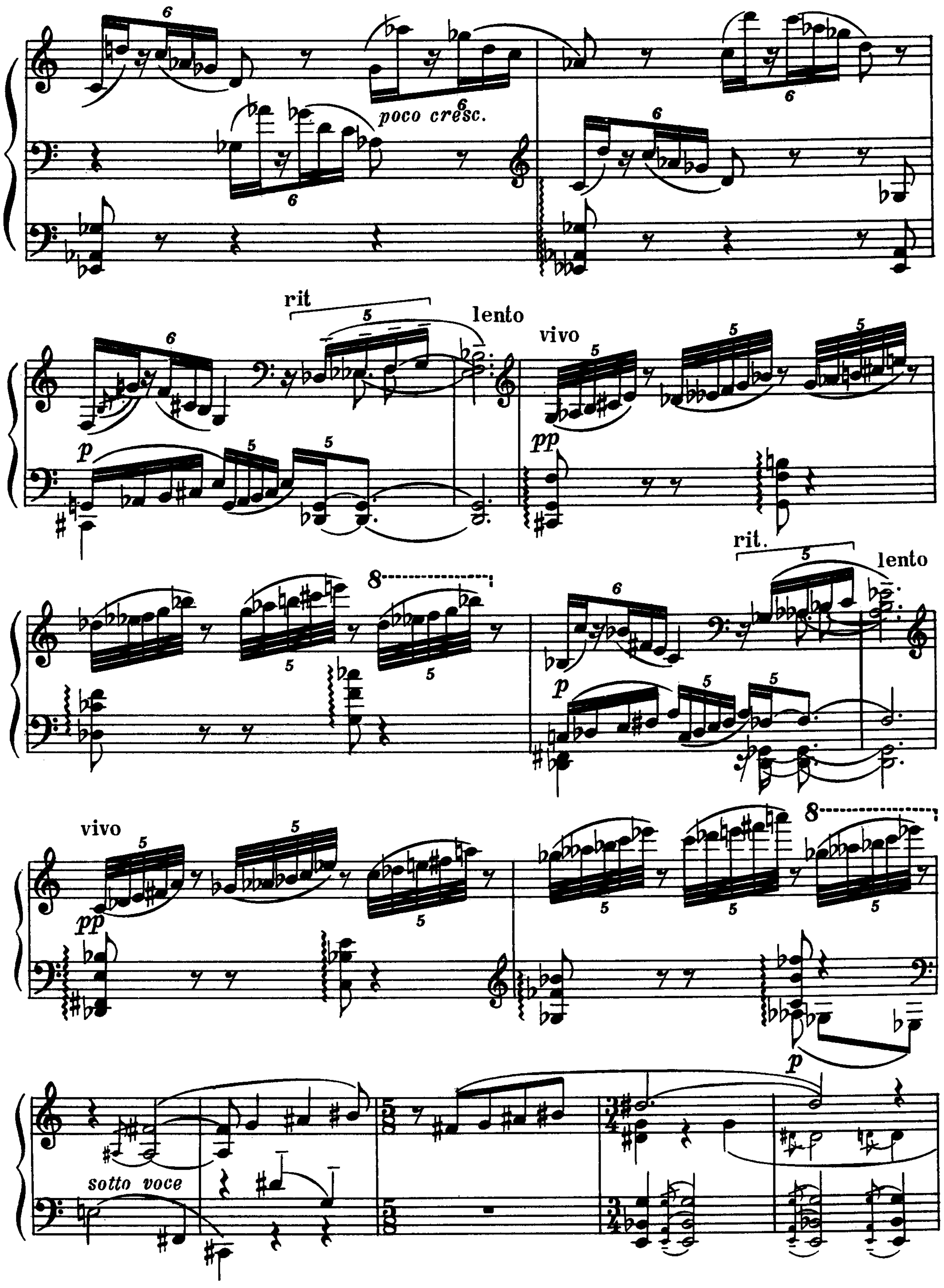
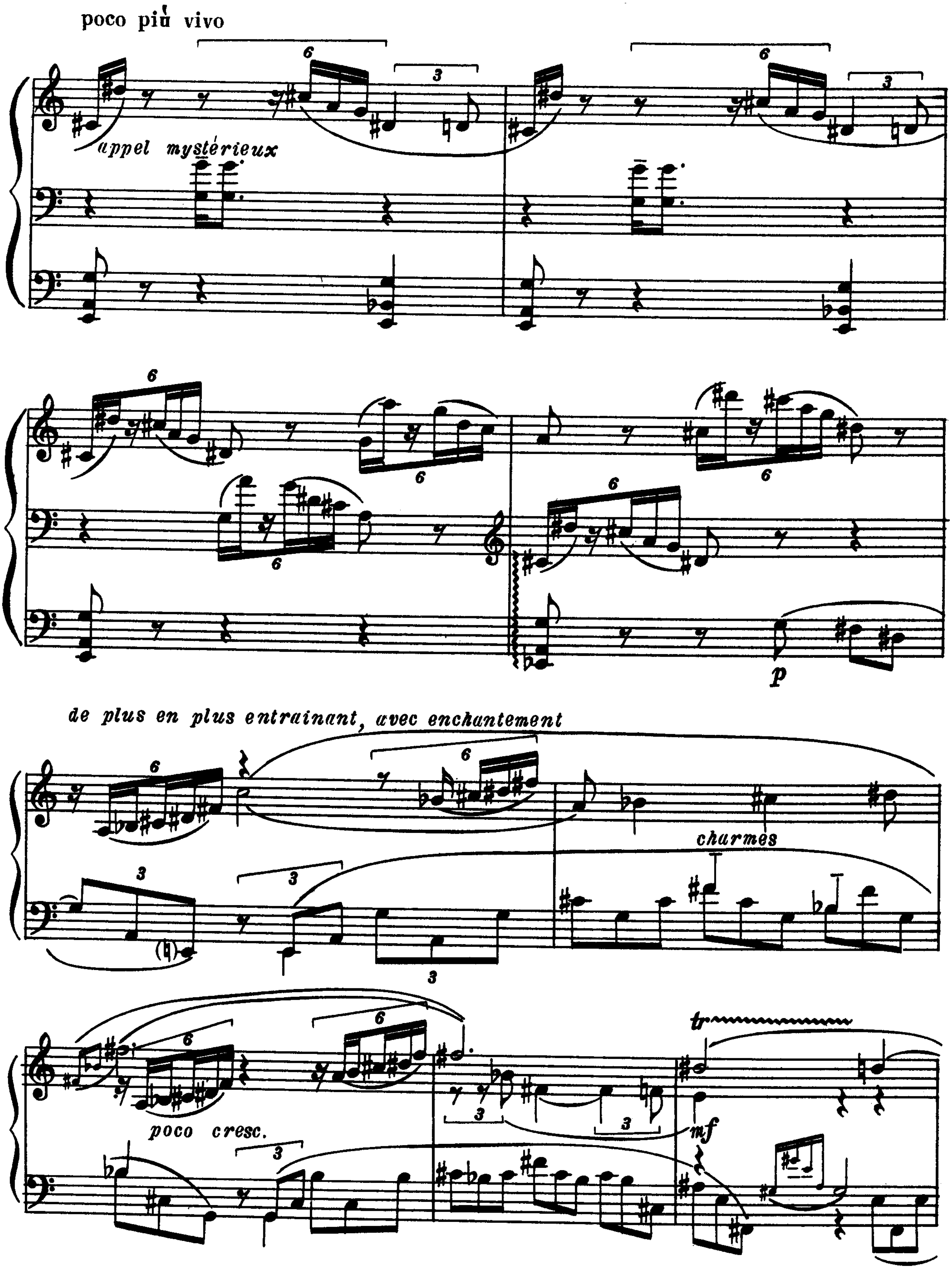
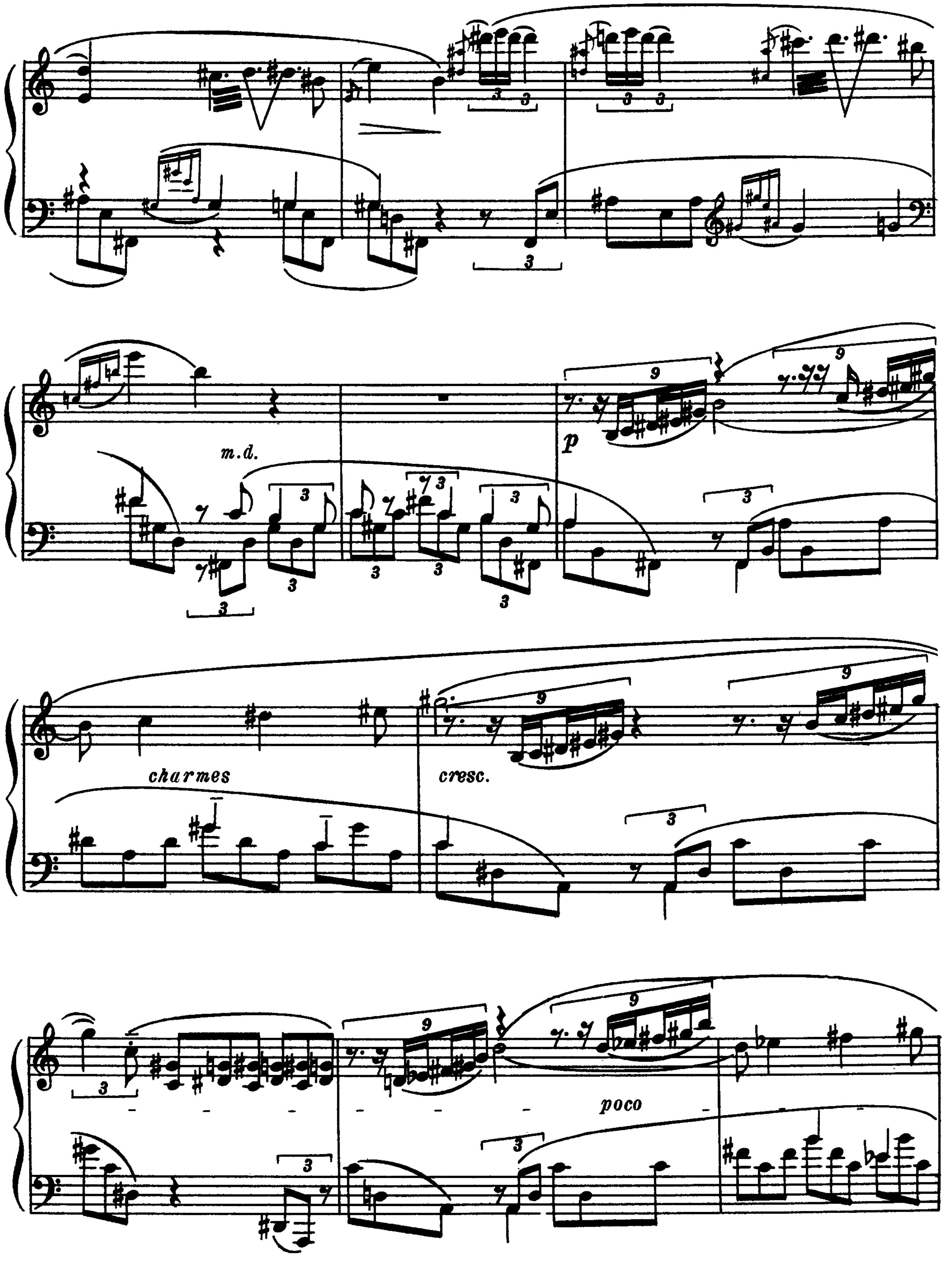
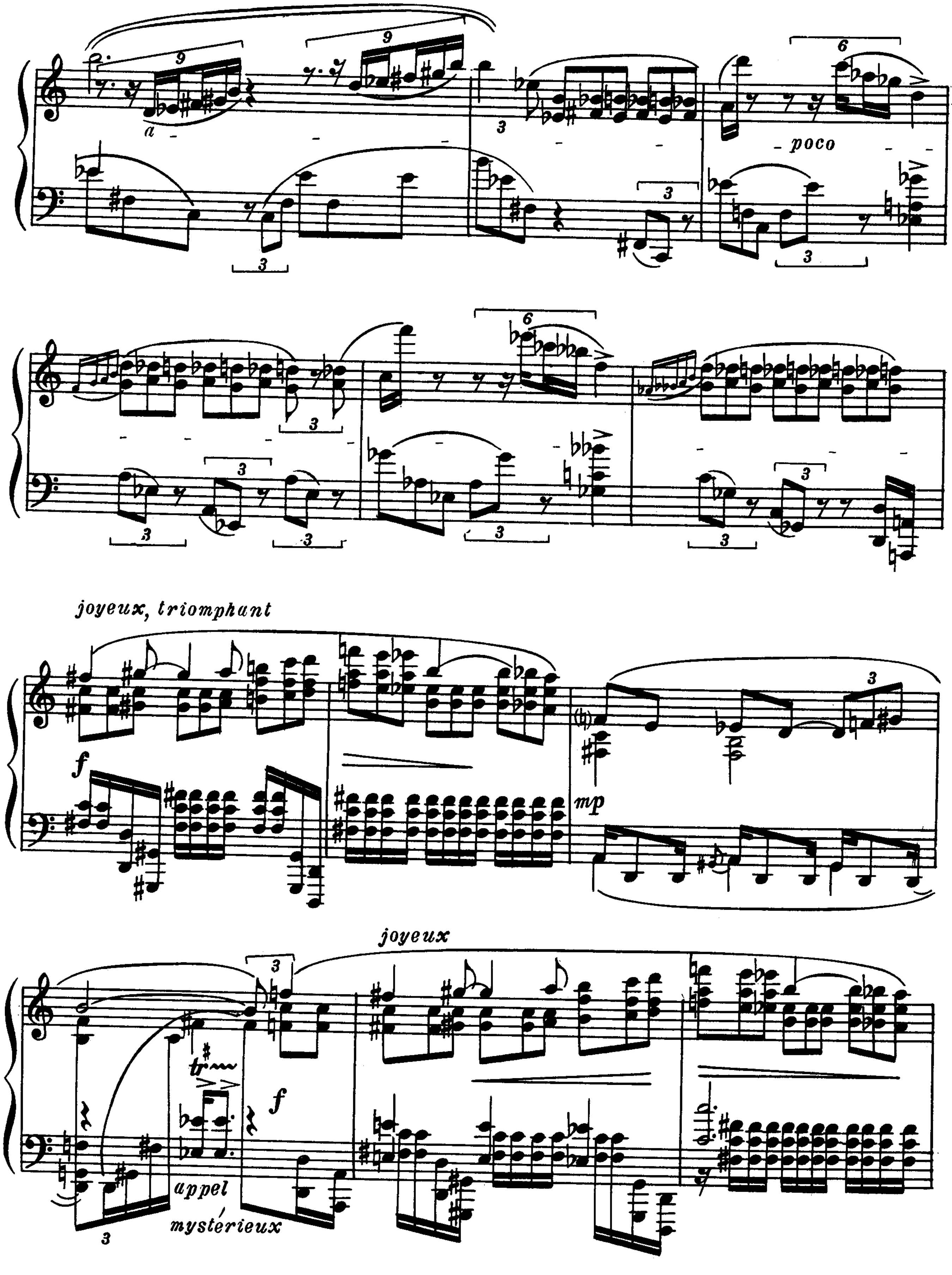
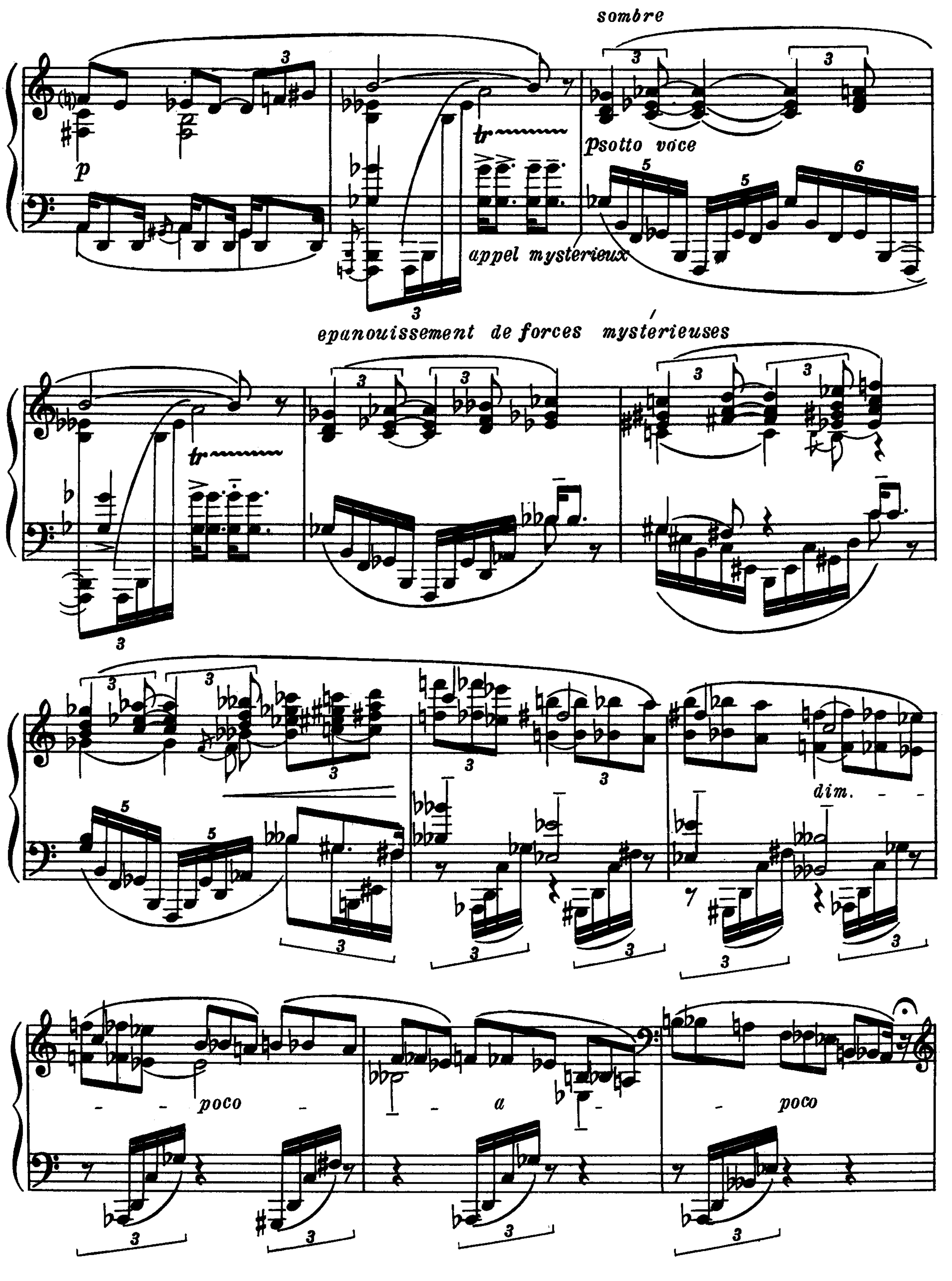
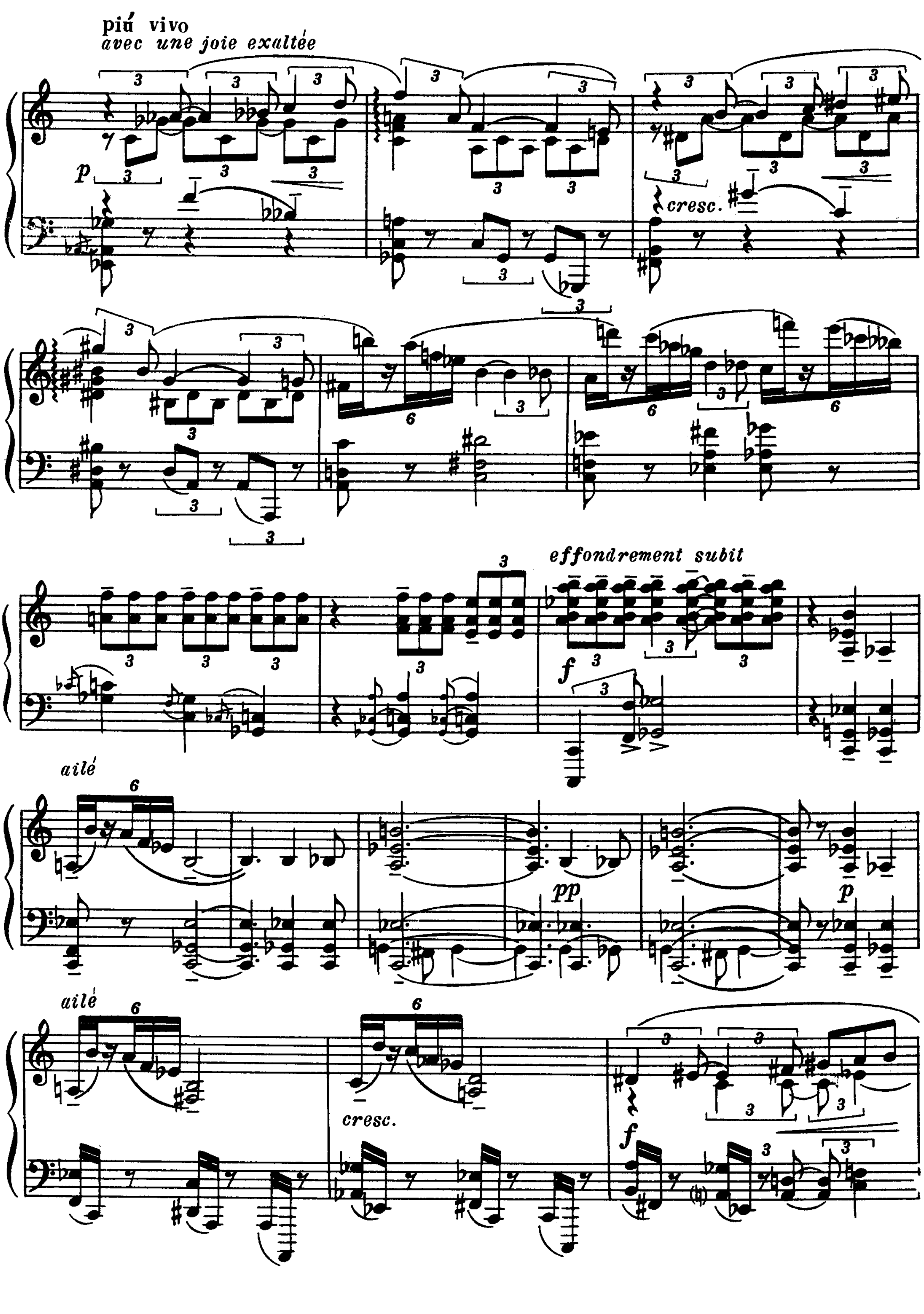
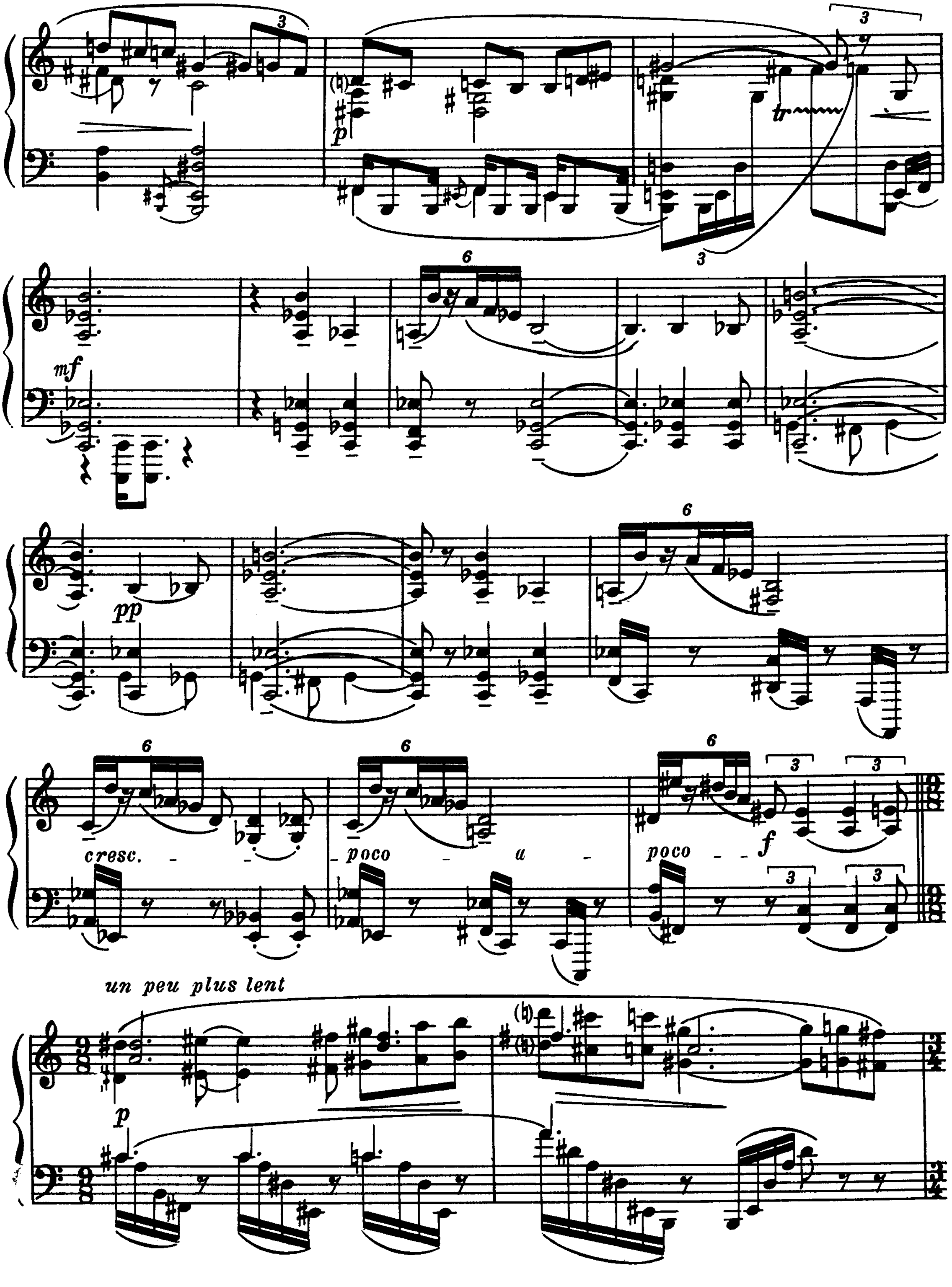
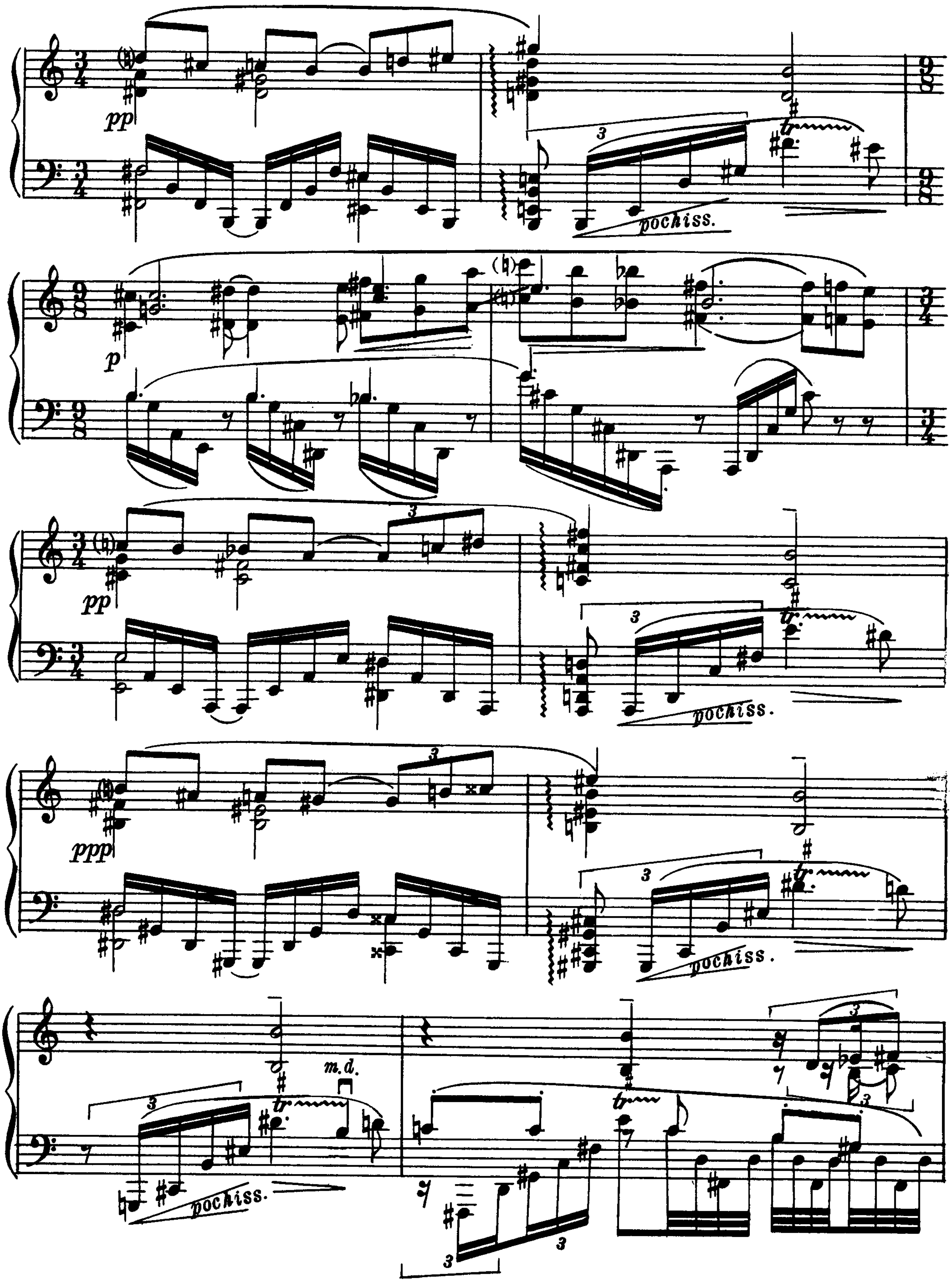


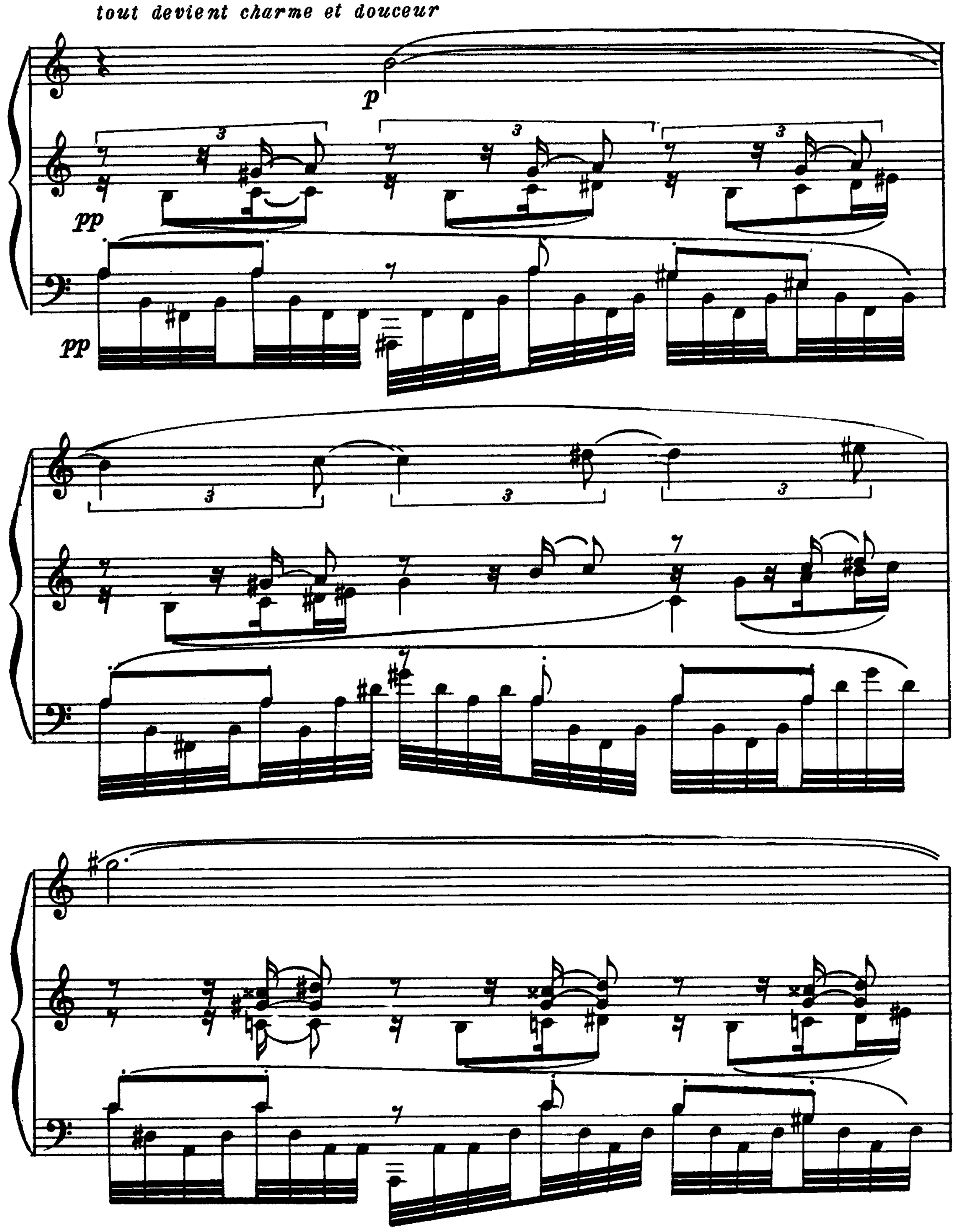
*) If need be [OR, Strictly speaking], this note can be omitted. (Scriabin's observation.)

Presto
mf
cresc.
imperioso
f
Ped.
Ped.
8
Ped.
accel.
f impetuoso
cresc.
8
Ped.
8
prestissimo
fff

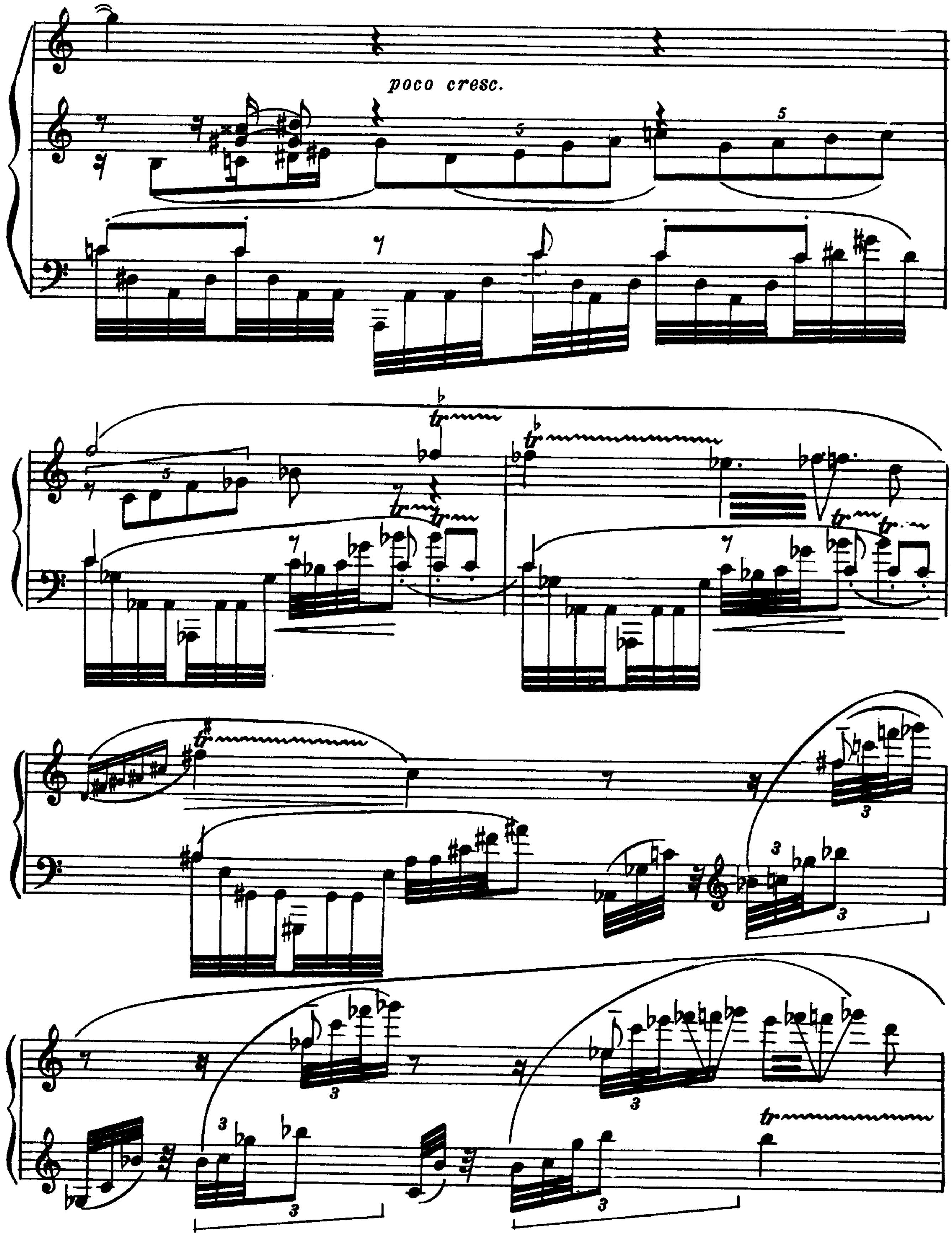
Sonata No. 6, Op. 62

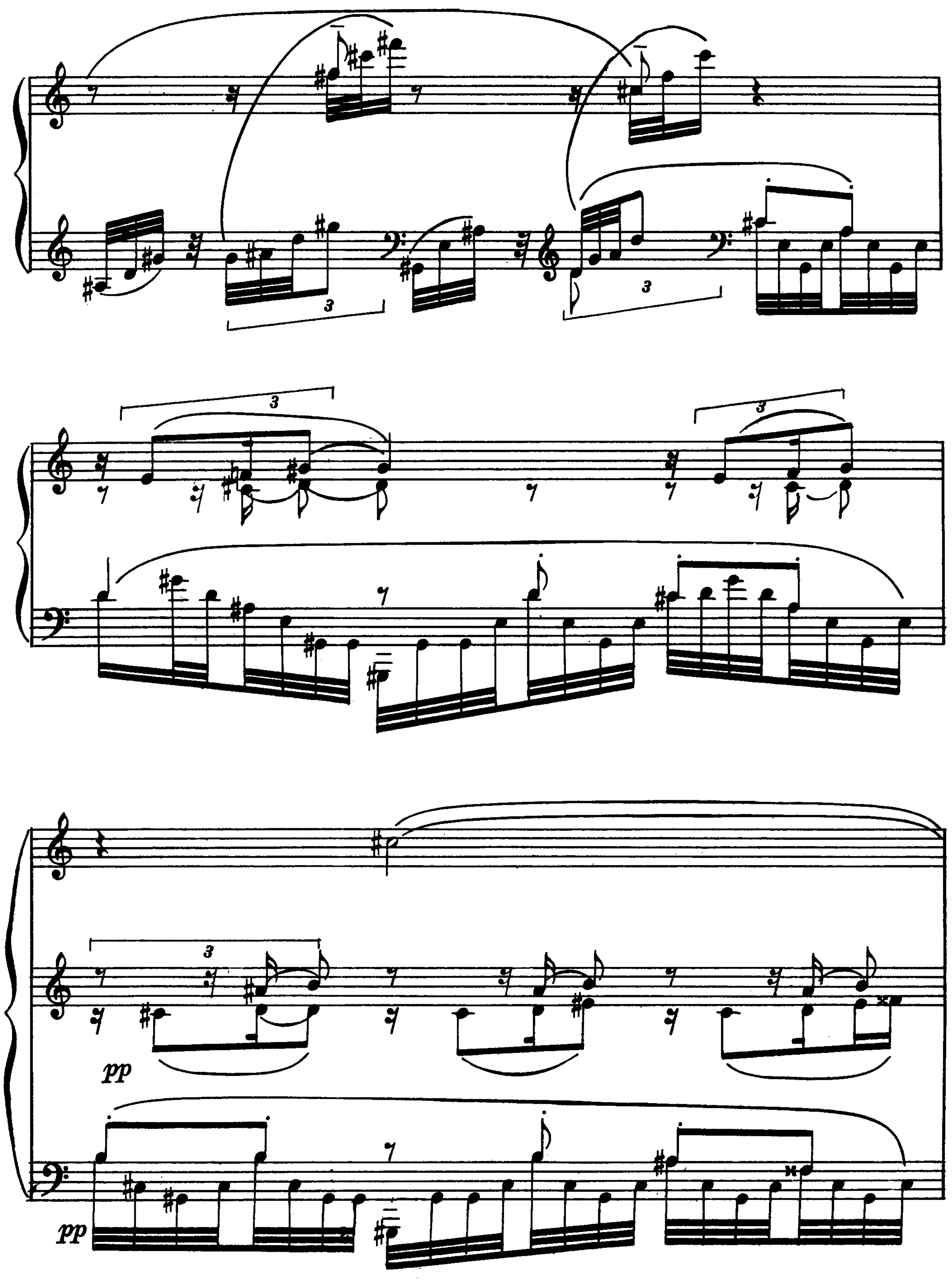


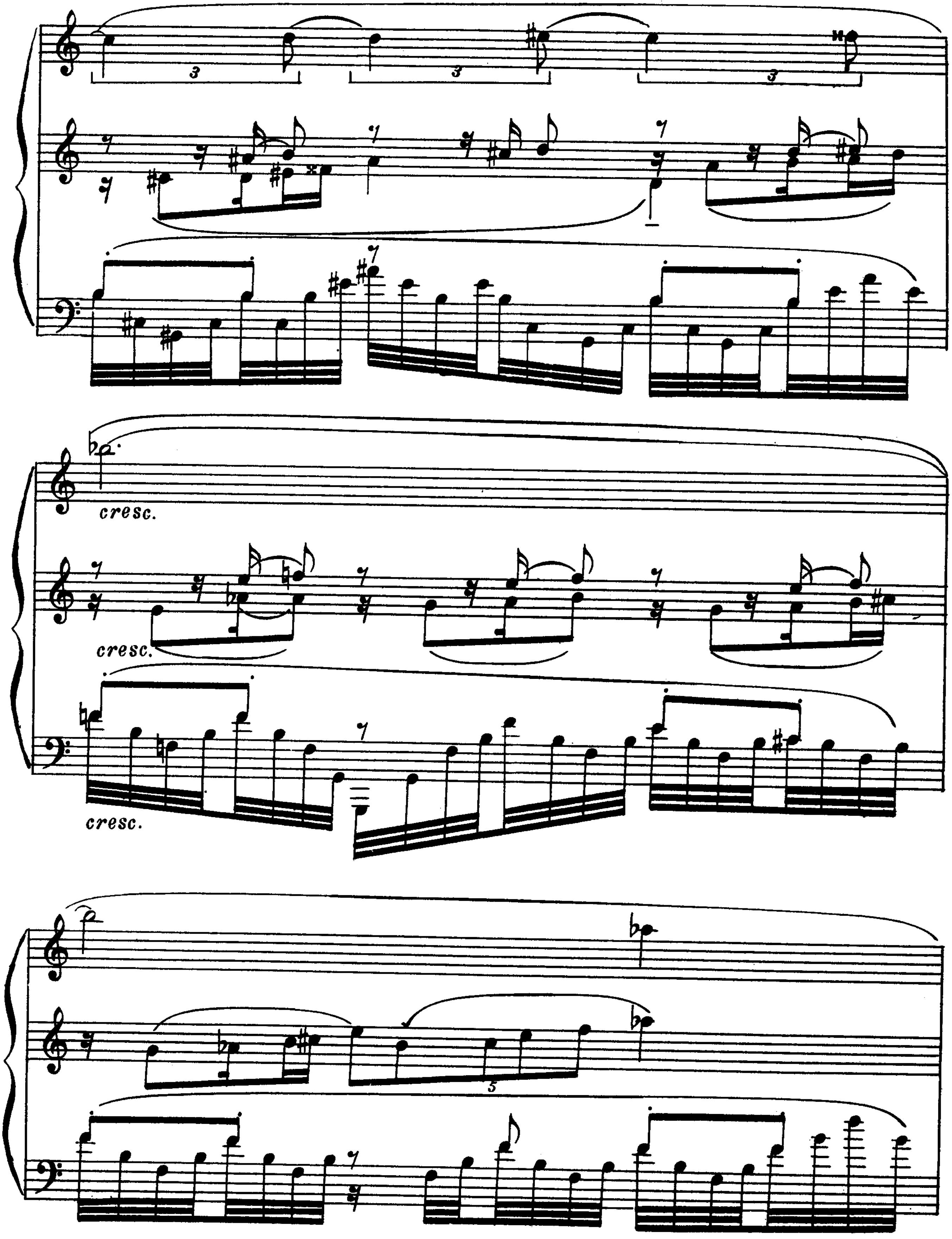
ailé
pp
p
cresc.
po
co
a
poco
un peu plus lent
f
mp
pp
pochiss.

pp
pochiss.
ppp
cresc. pochiss.
m.d.
pochiss.
pochiss.
m.d.
le rêve prend forme (clarté, douceur, pureté)
p
m.d.
poco
poco
p
p
charmes

ppp
m.d.
m.s.
m.s. —
charmes.
charmes
avec entrainement
5

m.d.
ailé, tourbillonnant
pp
cresc.
poco
a
poco
f
sf

tr
f
sf
l'épouvante surgit
cresc.
ff
ritard.
lento
avec trouble
vivace
p
pp
una corda

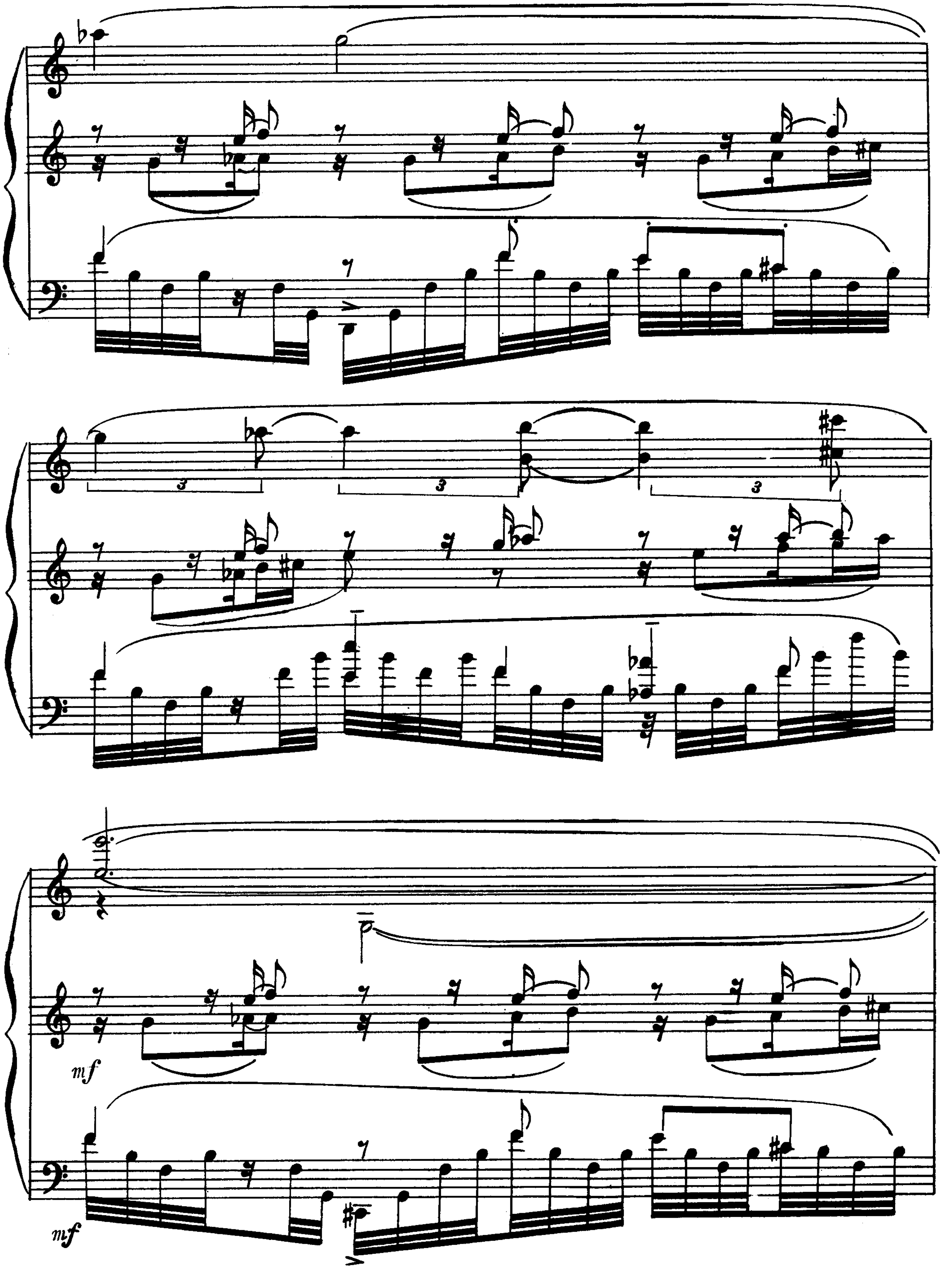

ritard.
lento
vivace
pp
p
sotto voce
charmes
poco piú vivo
appel mystérieux

poco cresc.
rit
lento
vivo
p
pp
rit.
lento
vivo
pp
sotto voce
p

poco più vivo
appel mystérieux
p
de plus en plus entrainant, avec enchantement
charmes
poco cresc.
mf

m.d.
p
charmes
cresc.
poco

a
poco
joyeux, triomphant
f
mp
joyeux
appel
mystérieux
f

sombre
p
psotto voce
appel mysterieux
epanouissement de forces mysterieuses
dim.
poco
a
poco

più vivo
avec une joie exaltée
p
cresc.
effondrement subit
f
ailé
pp
p
ailé
cresc.
f

mf
pp
cresc. - -
poco - a -
poco - -
f
un peu plus lent
p

pp
pochiss.
p
pp
pochiss.
ppp
pochiss.
m.d.
pochiss.


tout devient charme et douceur
p
pp
pp
3

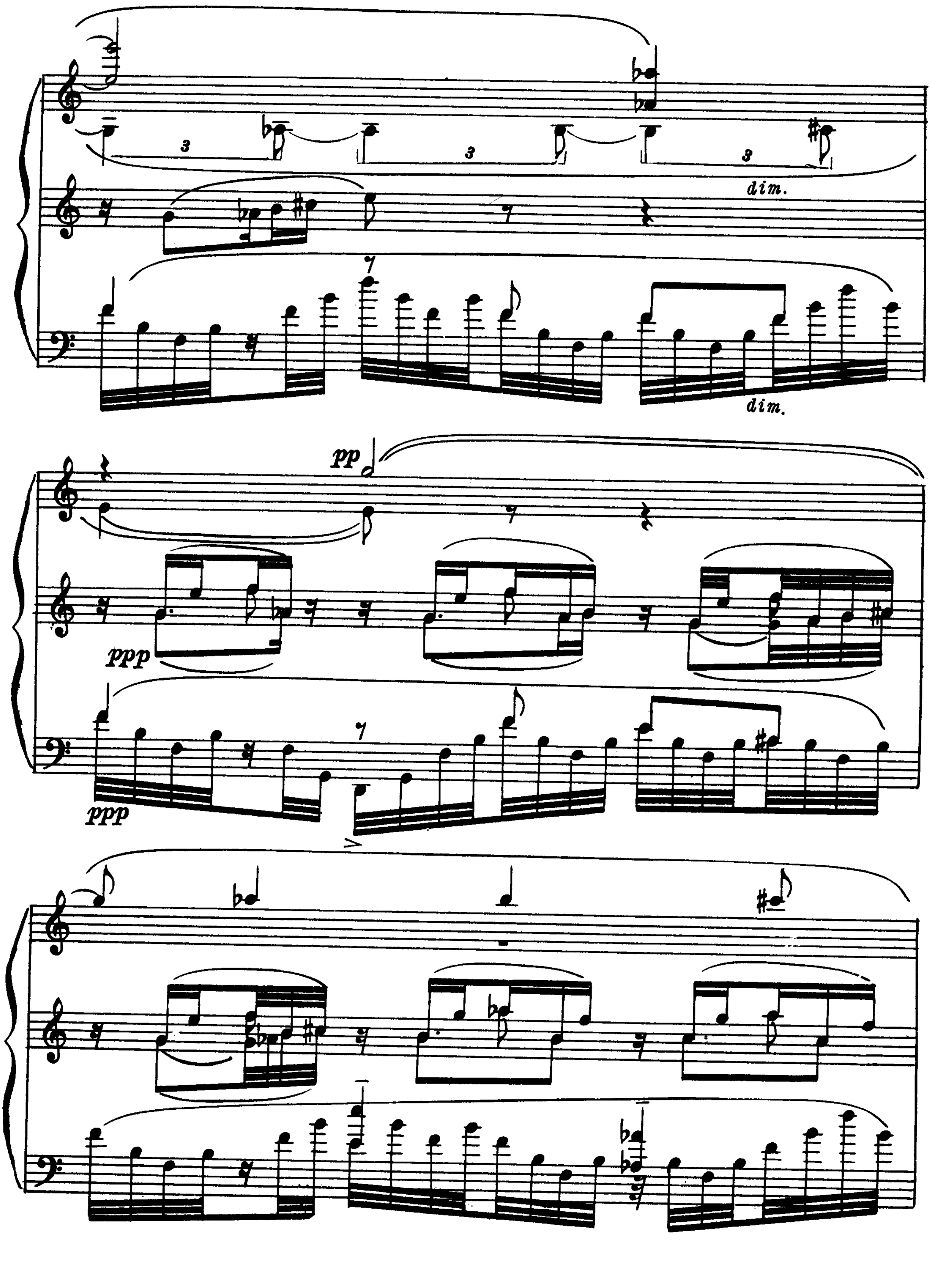

poco cresc.

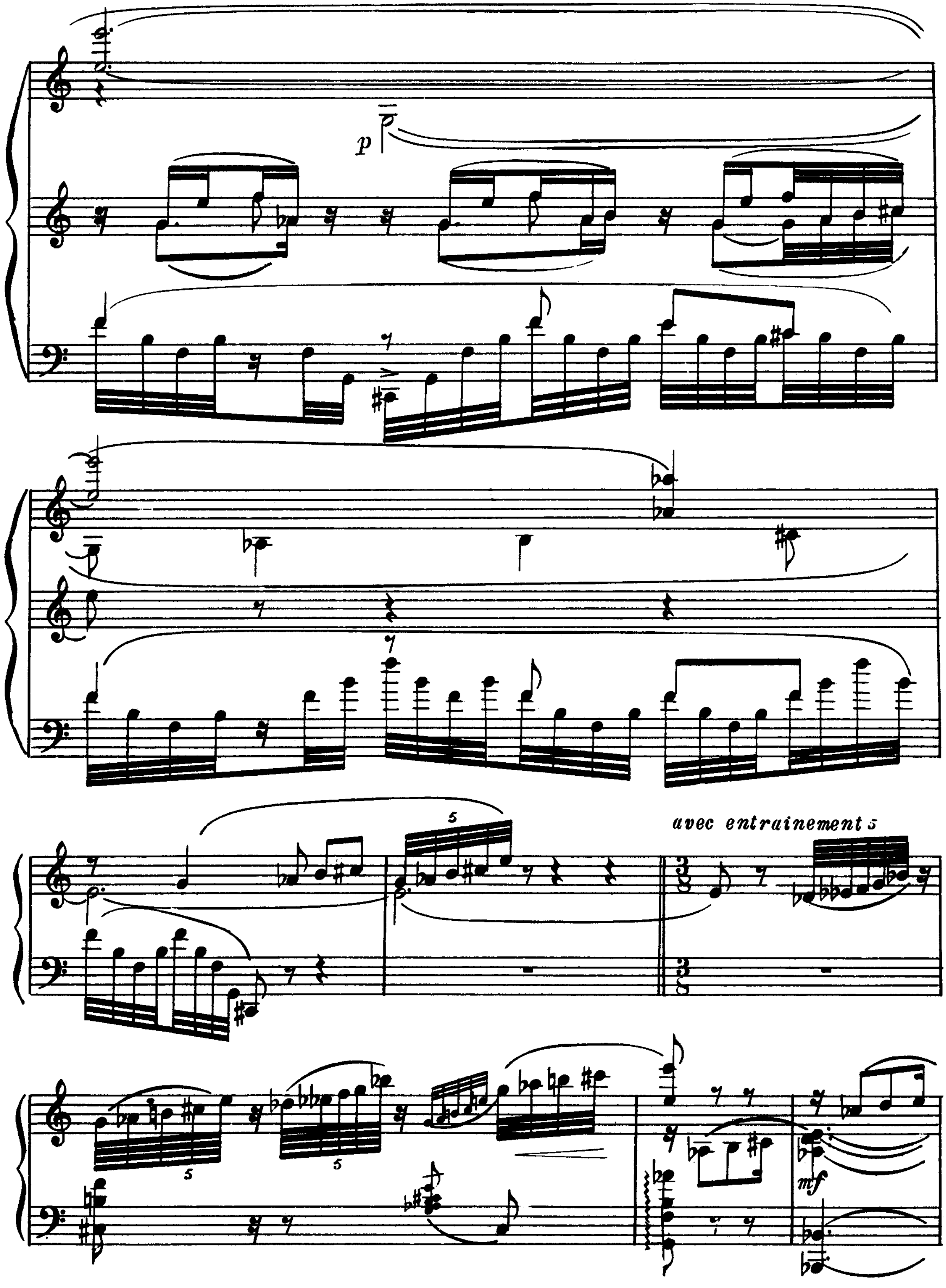
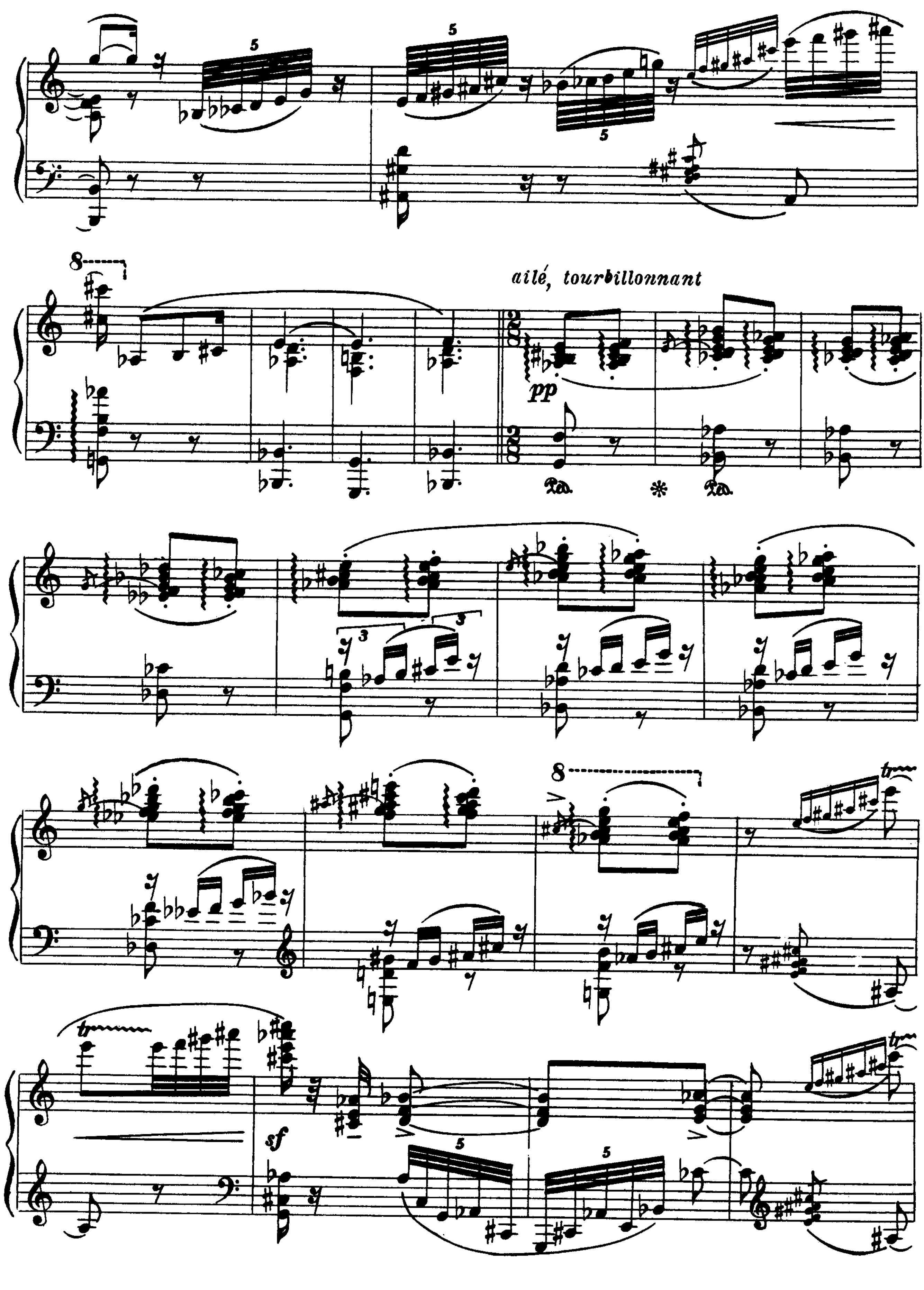
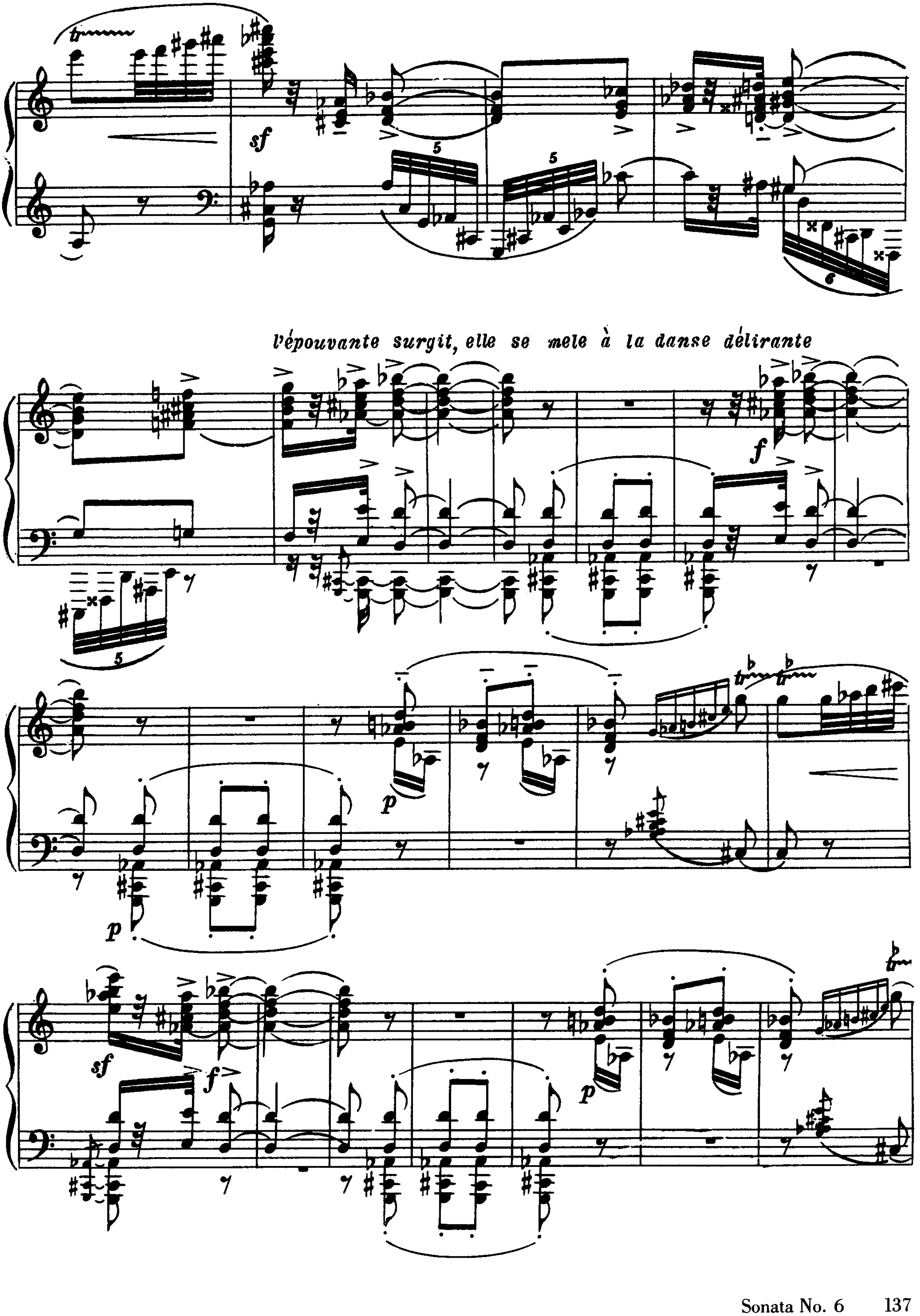

pp
pp

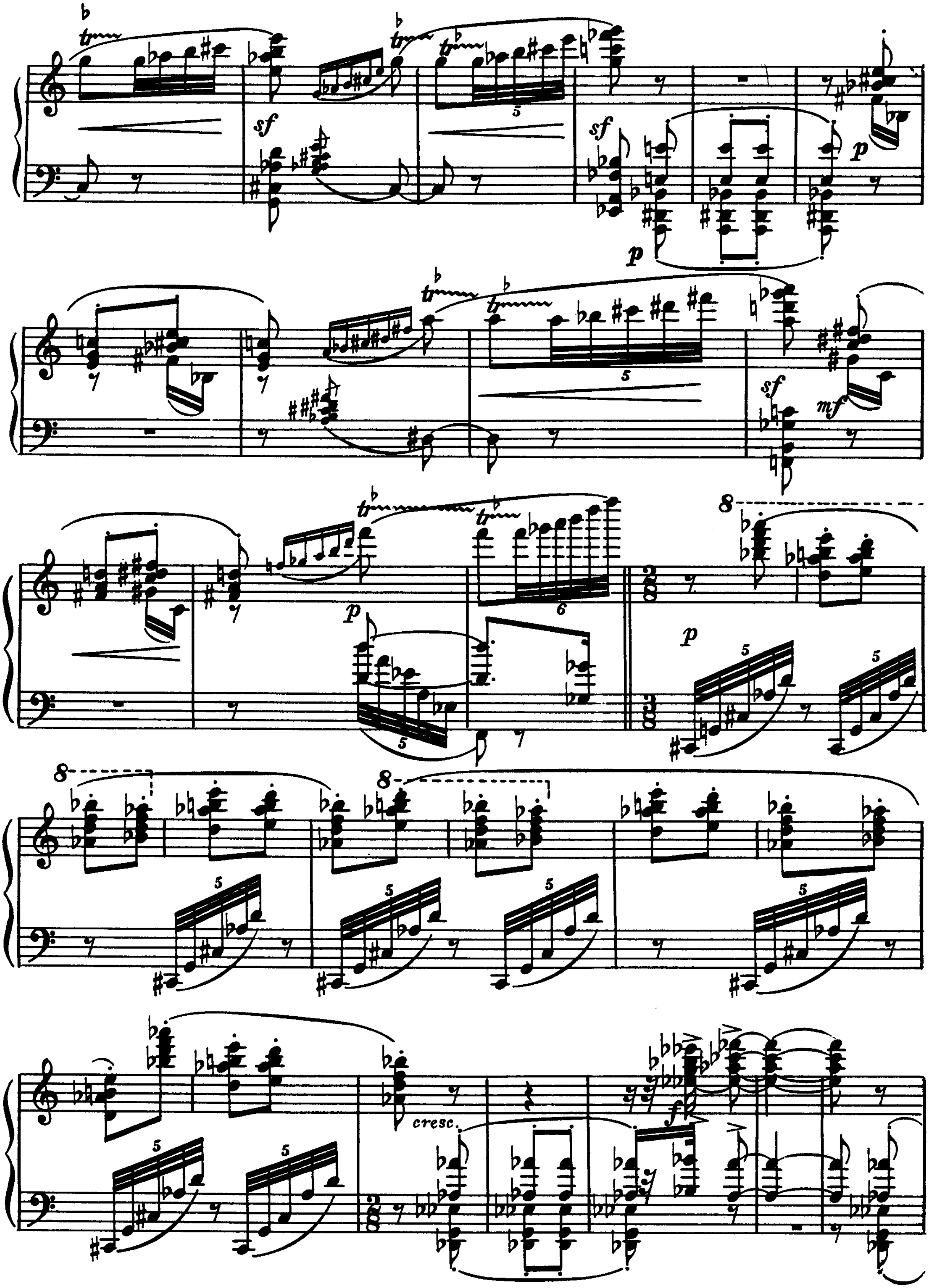

cresc.
cresc.
cresc.



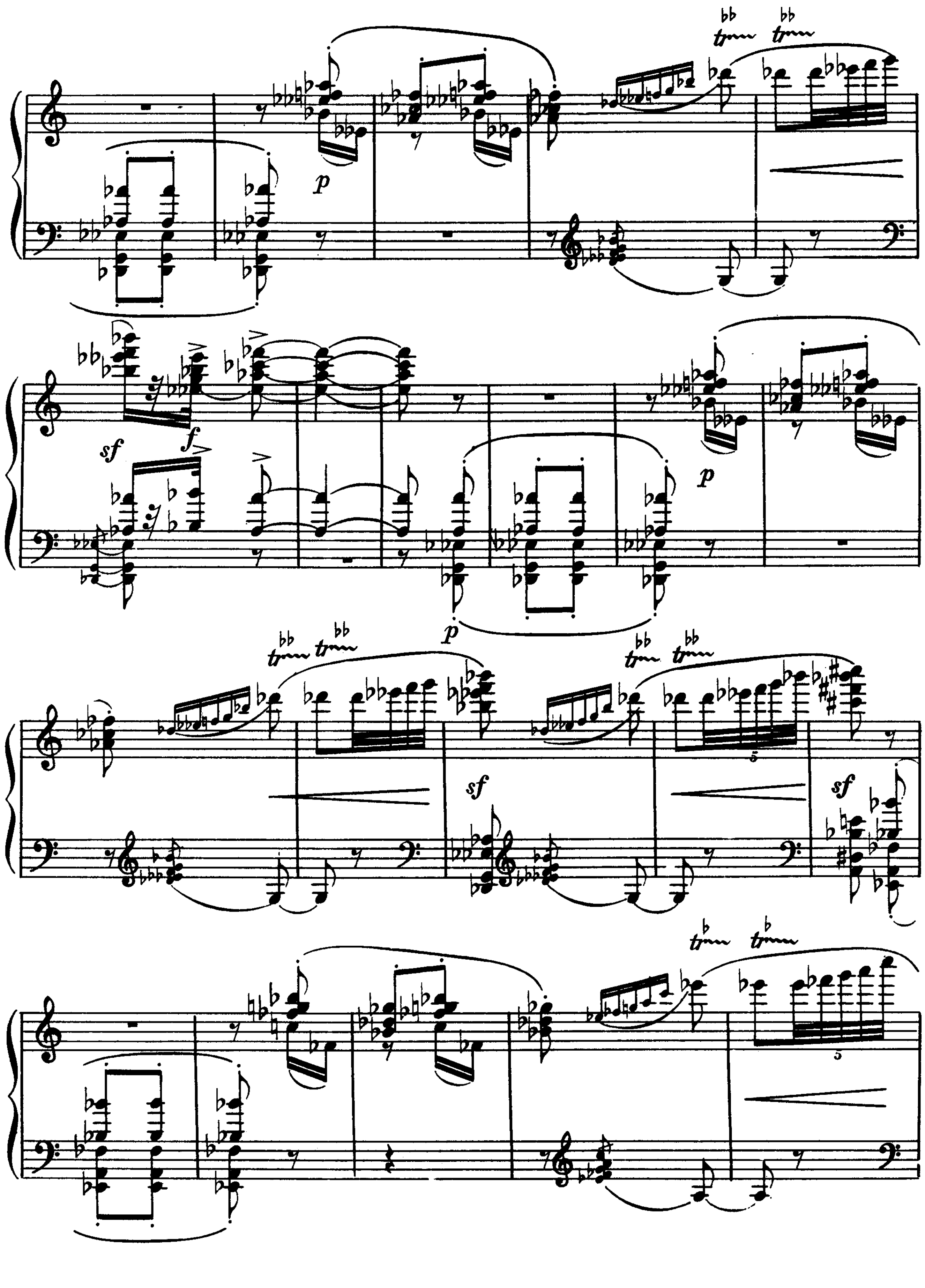
3
3
3
mf
mf

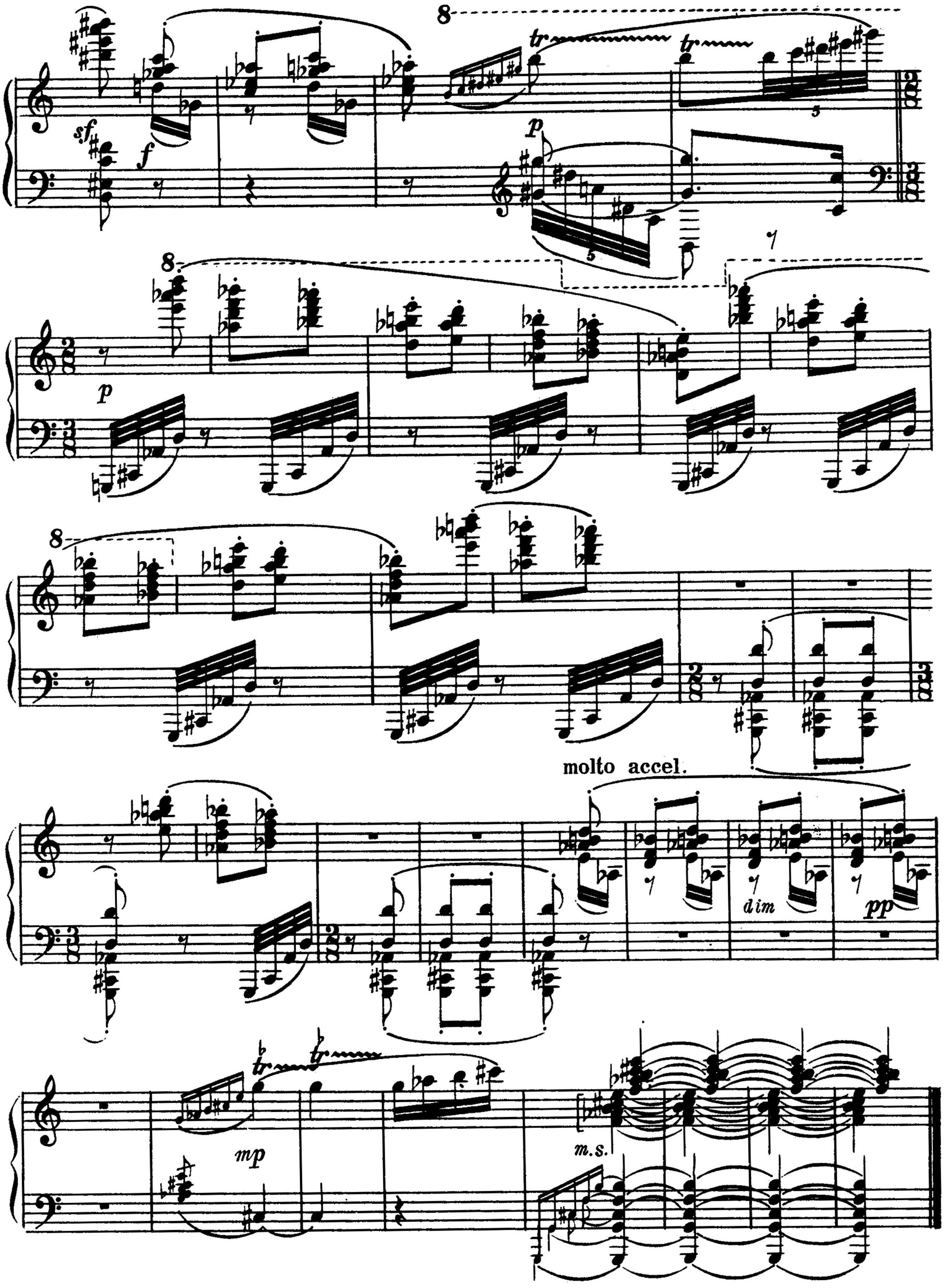


dim.
dim.
pp
ppp
ppp

p
5
avec entrainement 5
5
5
mf

aile, tourbillonnant
pp
sf

l'épouvante surgit, elle se mele à la danse délirante

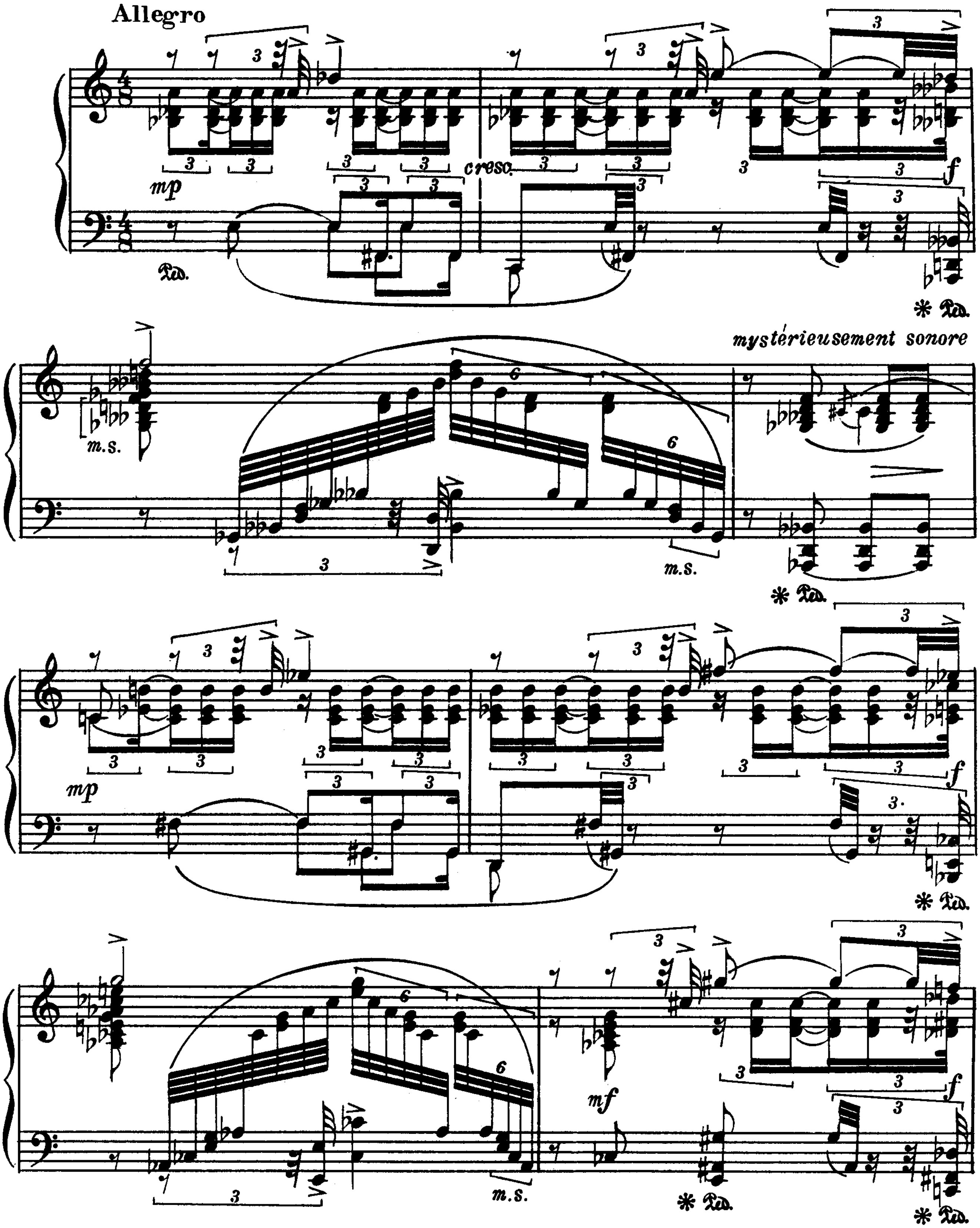


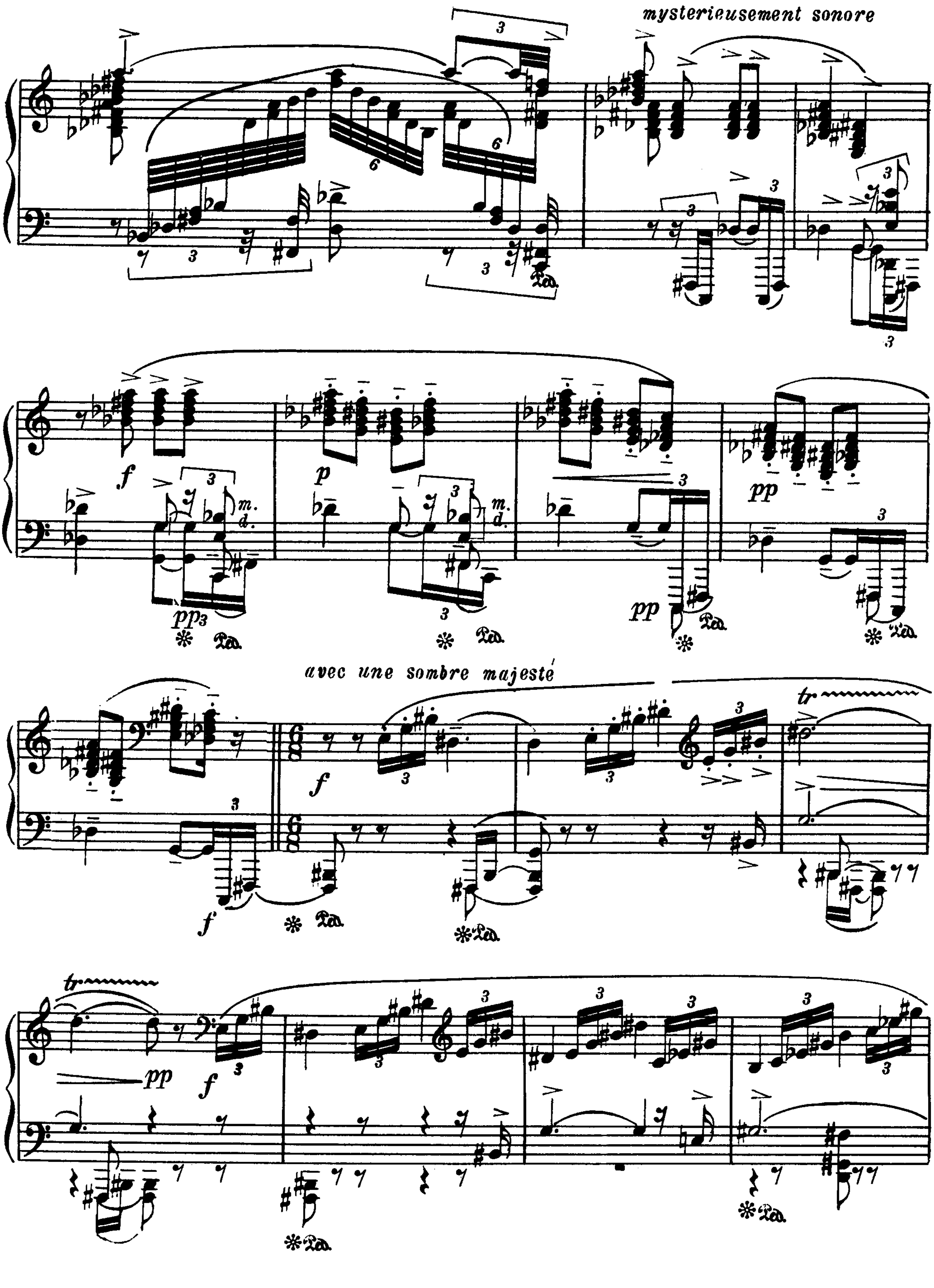
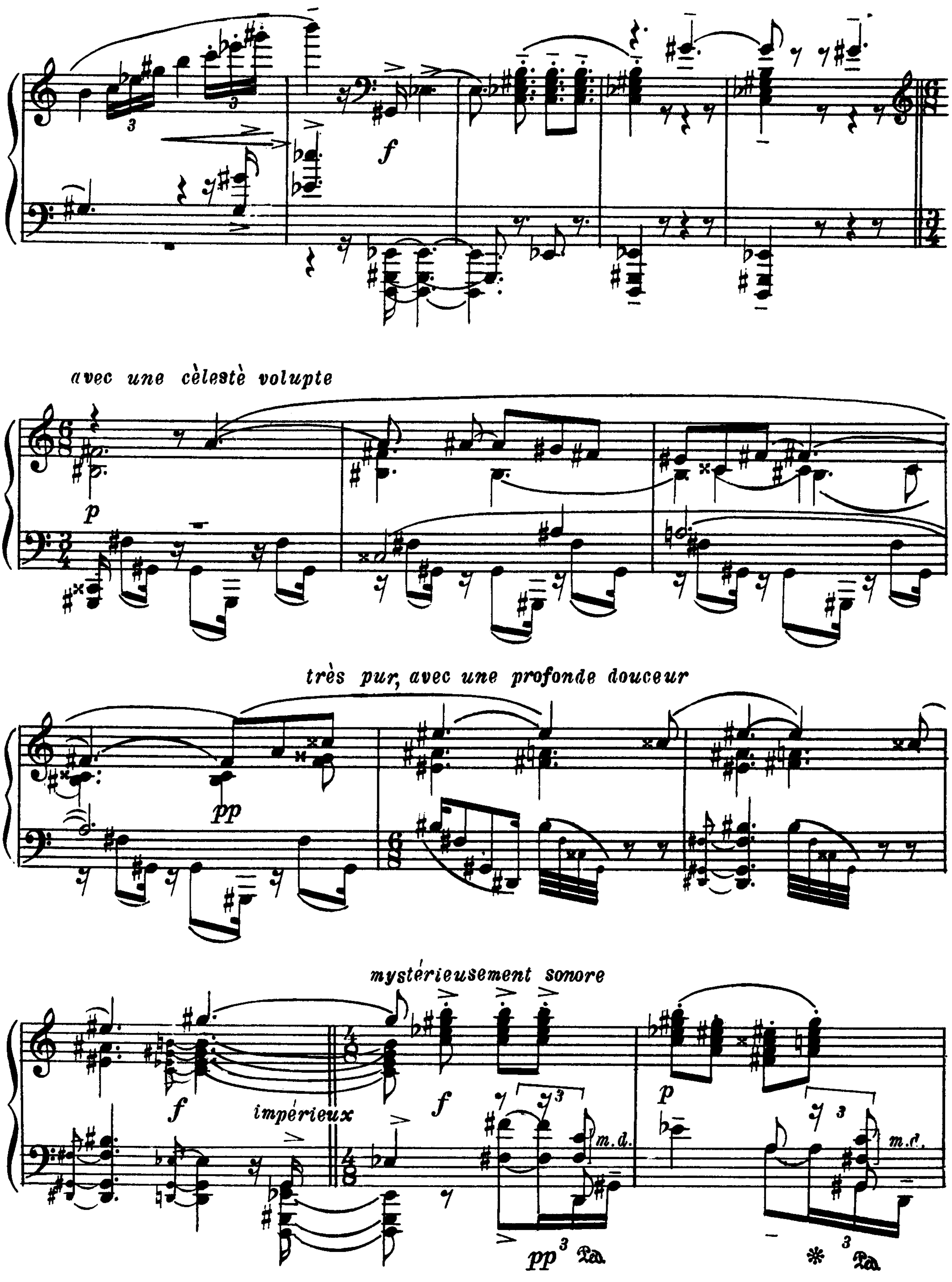
tr
sf
p
mf
8
cresc.
f

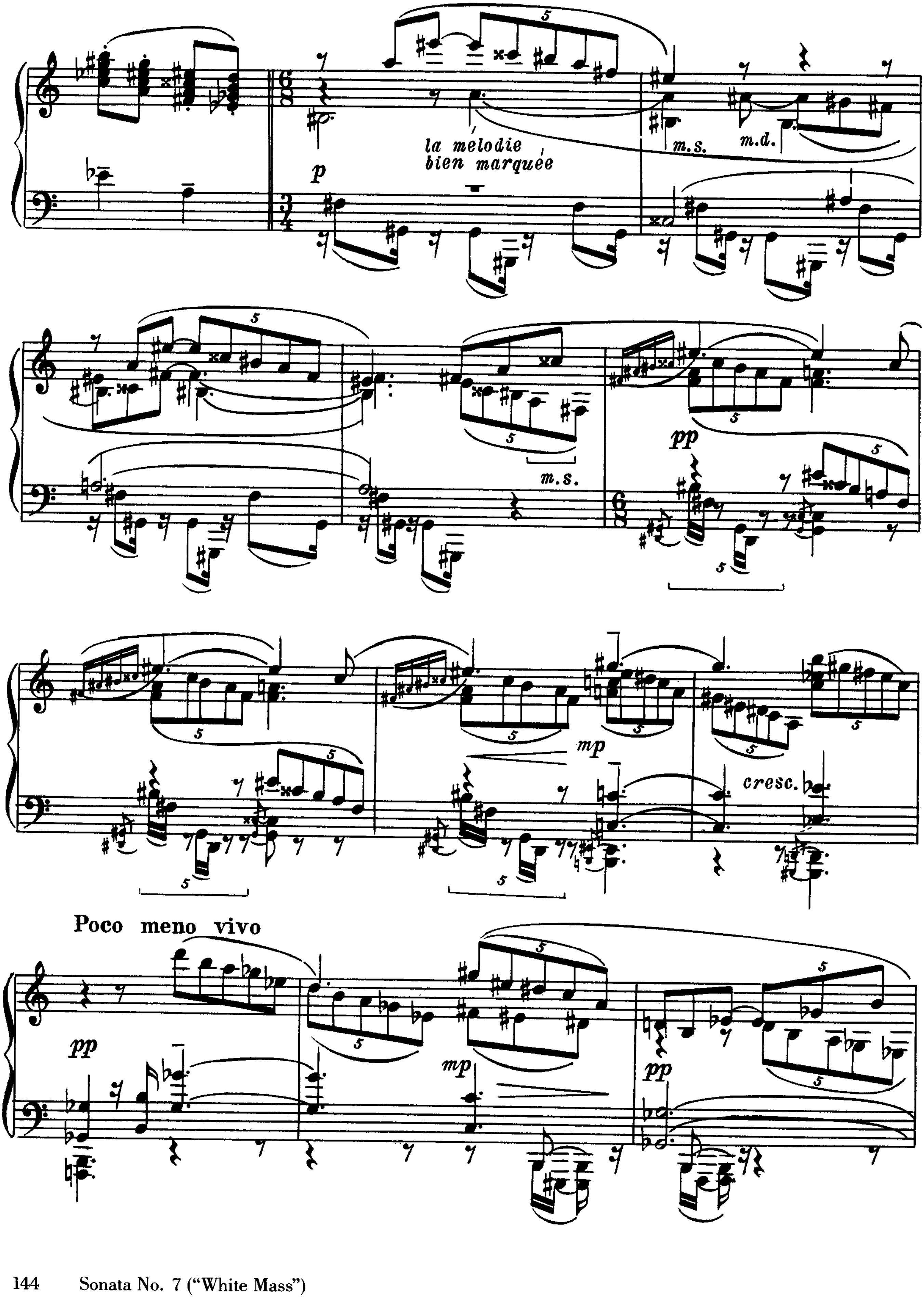

p
sf
f
p
sf
sf

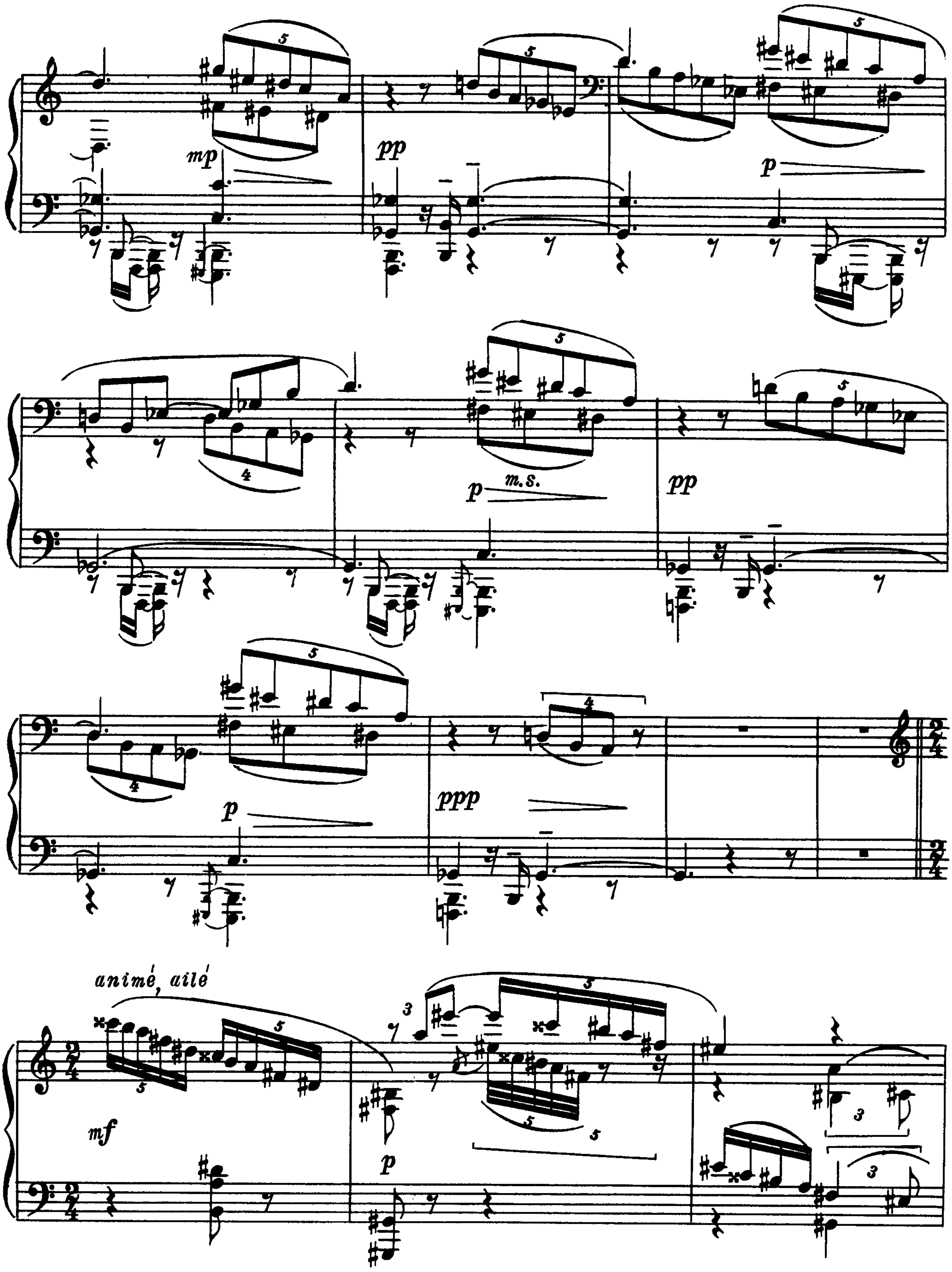
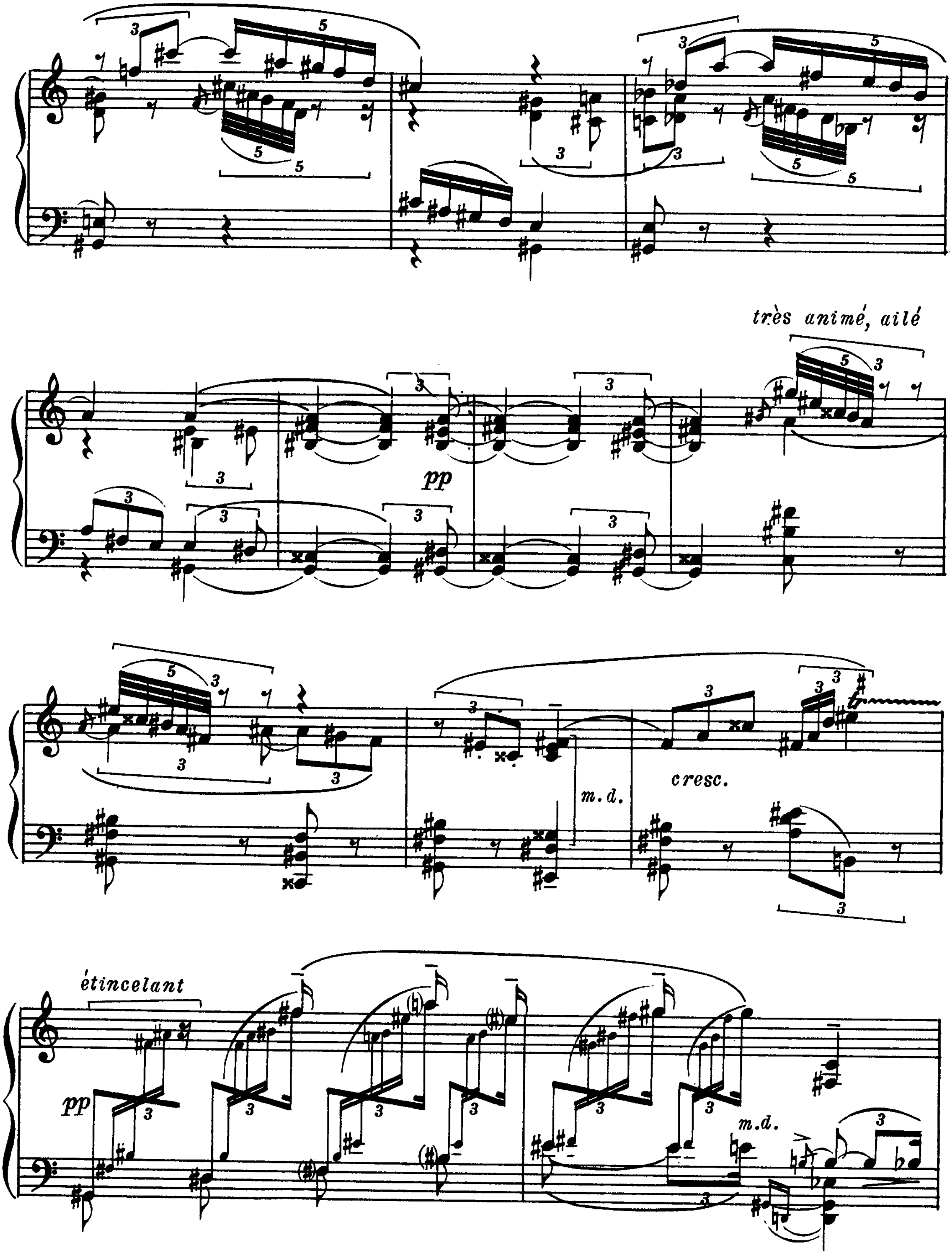
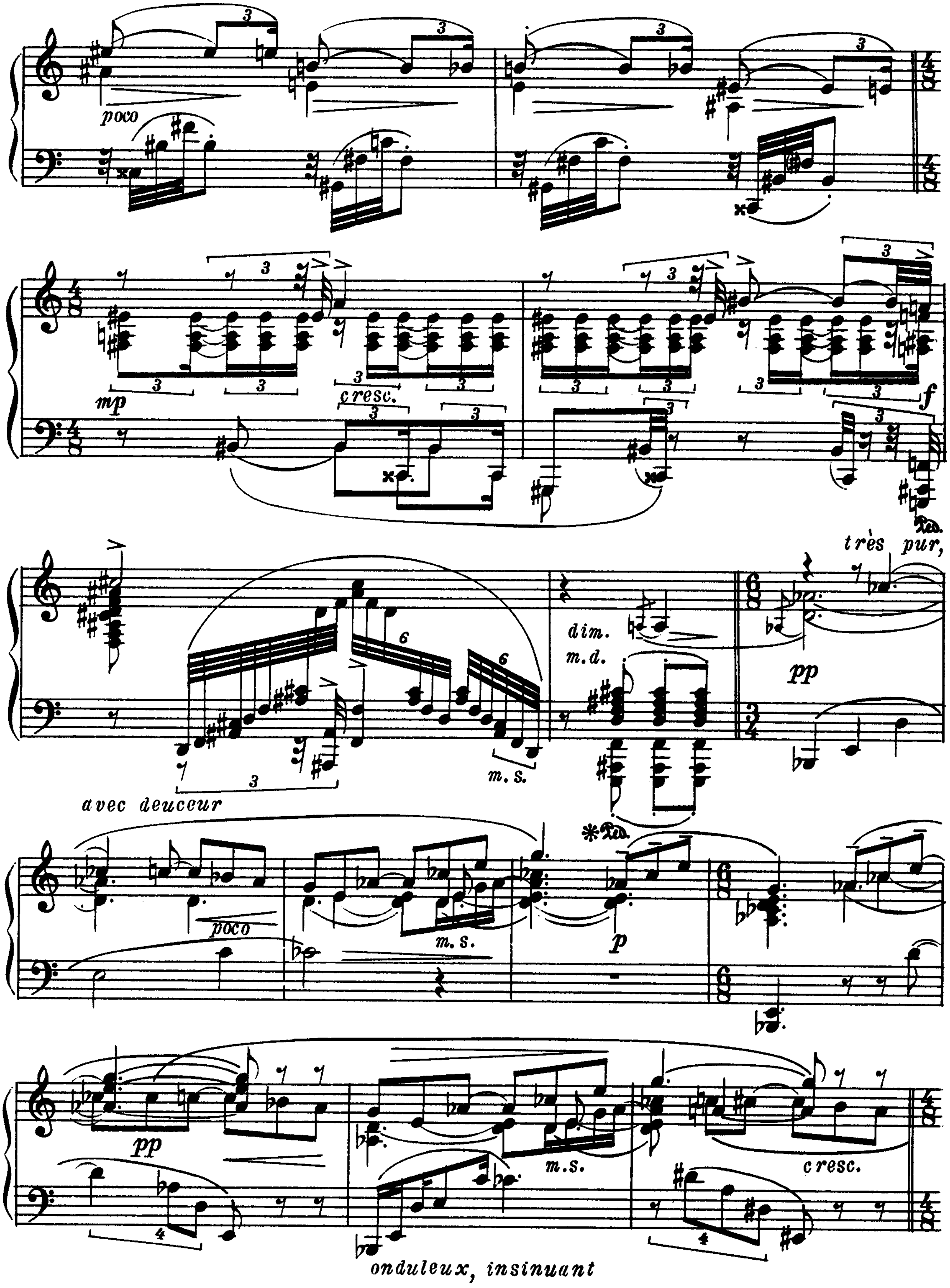
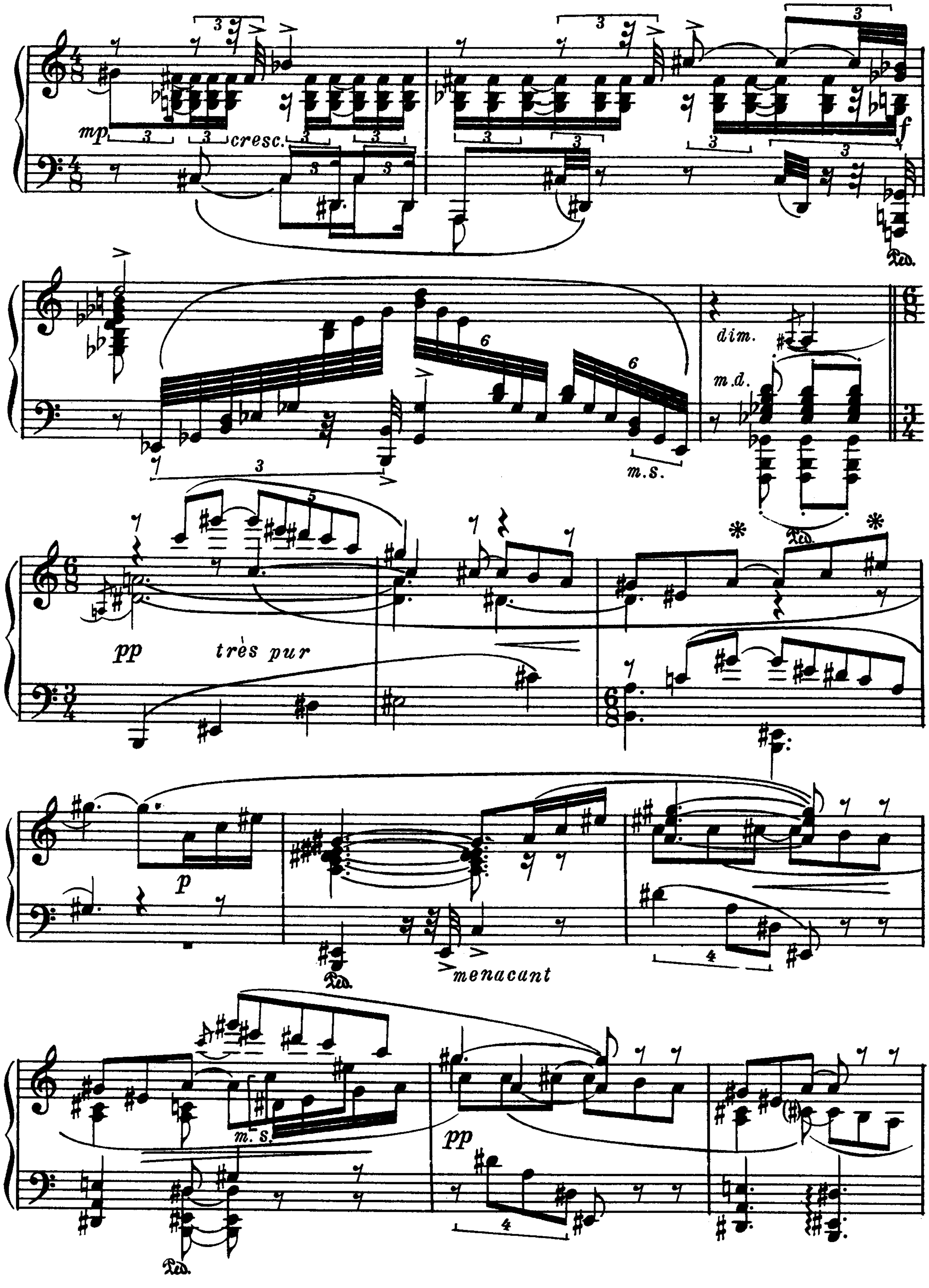
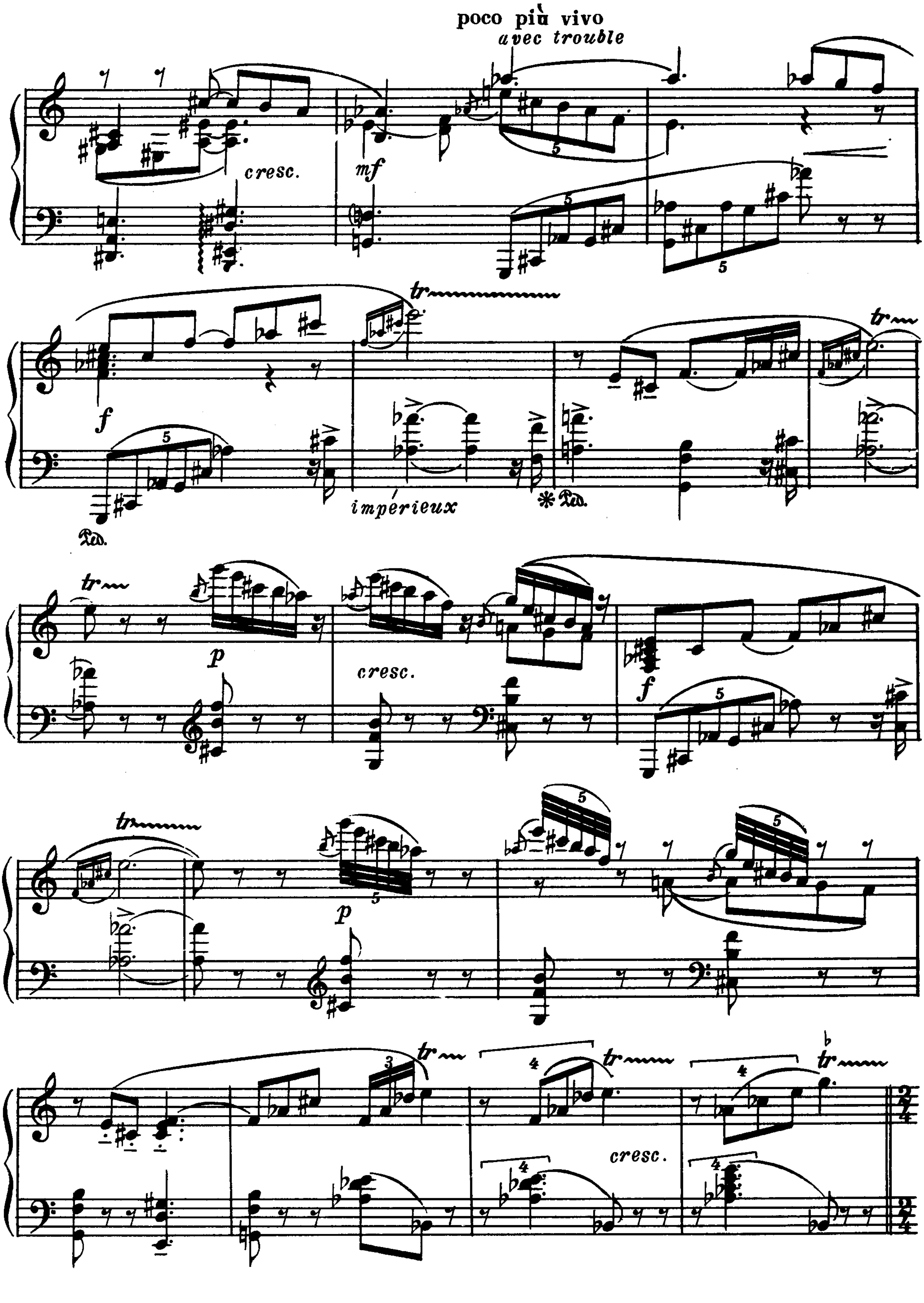

8
sf
f
tr
p
molto accel.
dim
pp
mp
m.s.

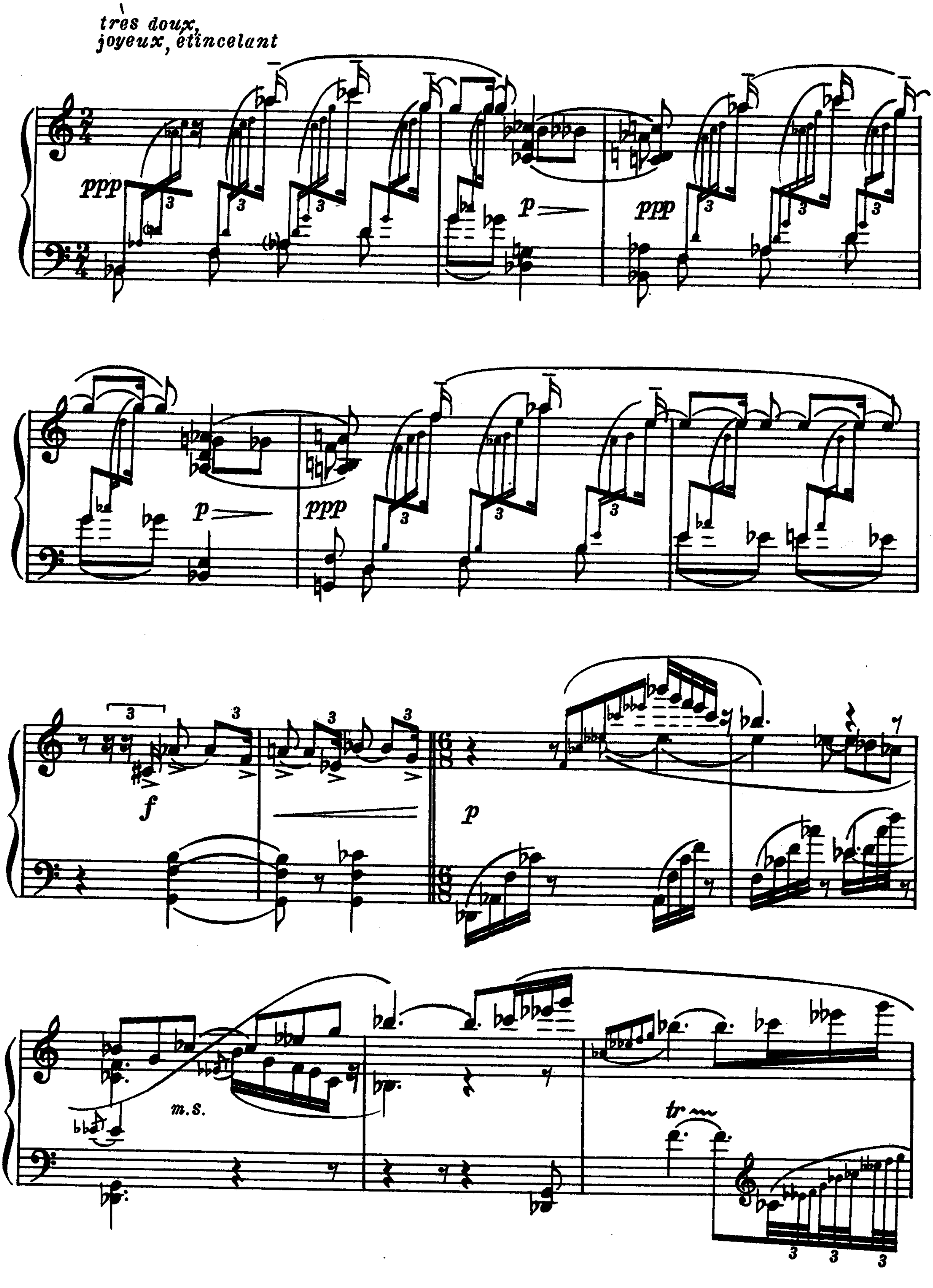
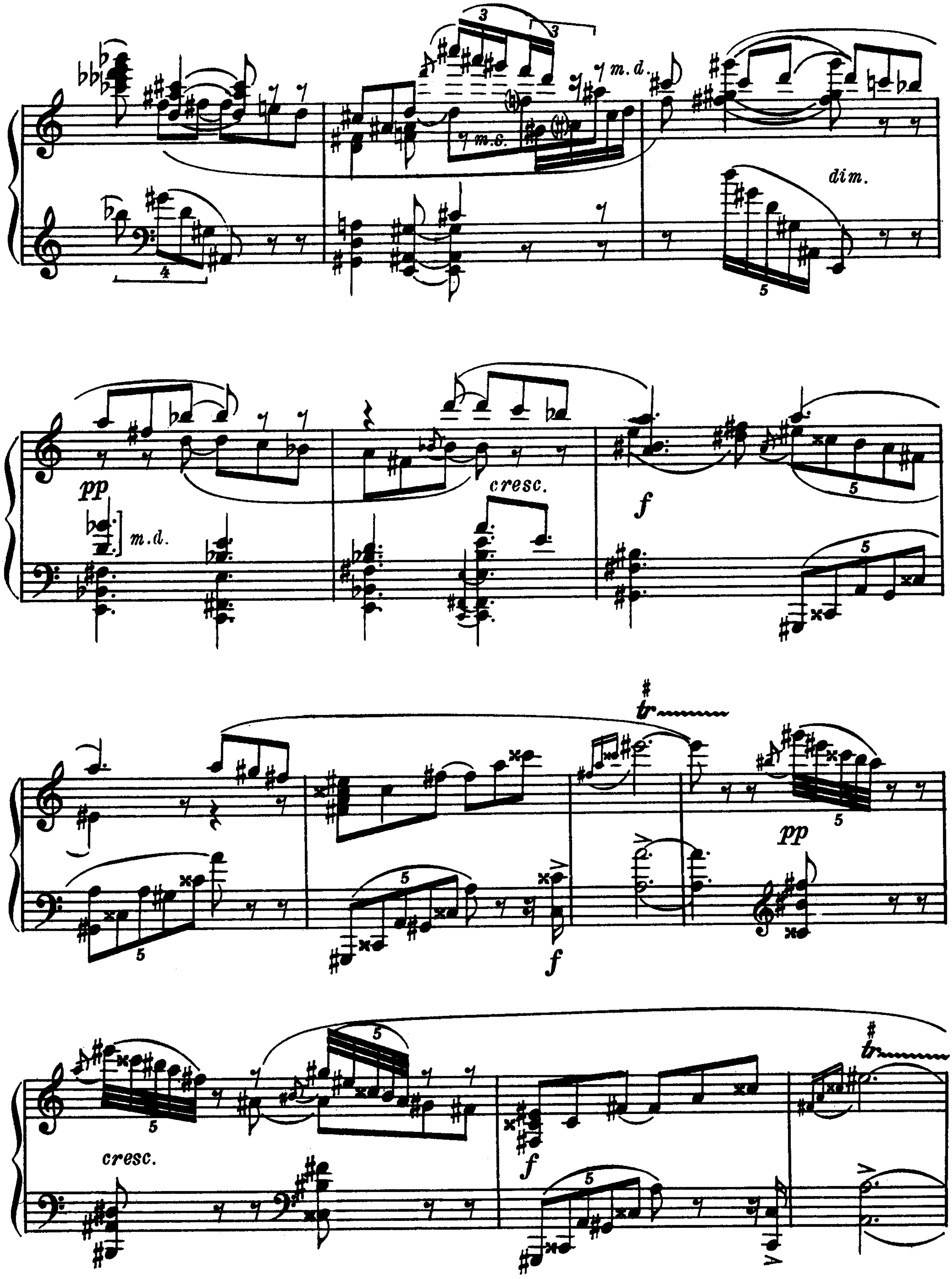
Sonata No. 7 ("White Mass"), Op. 64




mysterieusement sonore
avec une sombre majesté

avec une cèlestè volupte
très pur, avec une profonde douceur
mystérieusement sonore
impérieux
m.d.


la melodie
bien marquée
m.s.
m.d.
p
pp
m.s.
mp
cresc.
Poco meno vivo
pp
mp
pp


mp
pp
p
m.s.
pp
p
ppp
animé, ailé
mf
p

très animé, ailé
pp
m.d.
cresc.
étincelant
pp
m.d.

poco
mp
cresc.
f
très pur,
avec deuceur
m.s.
dim.
m.d.
pp
poco
m.s.
p
pp
m.s.
cresc.
onduleux, insinuant

mp
cresc.
f
dim.
m.d.
m.s.
pp
très pur
p
menacant
pp
m.s.

poco più vivo
avec trouble
cresc.
mf
f
impérieux
p
cresc.
f
p
cresc.


très doux,
joyeux, étincelant
ppp
p
ppp
p
ppp
f
p
m.s.
tr

m.d.
m.s.
dim.
pp
m.d.
cresc.
f
pp
f
cresc.
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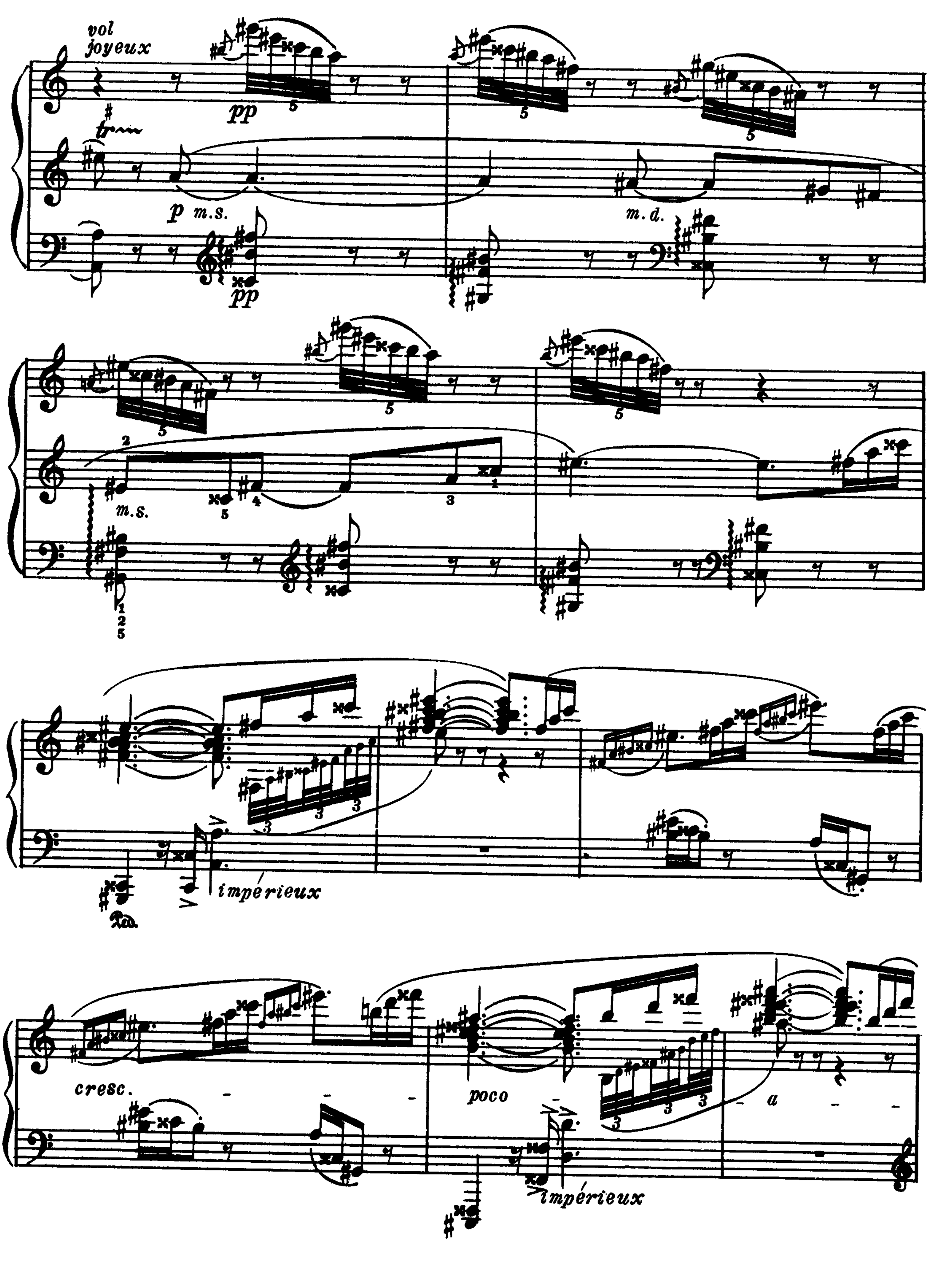
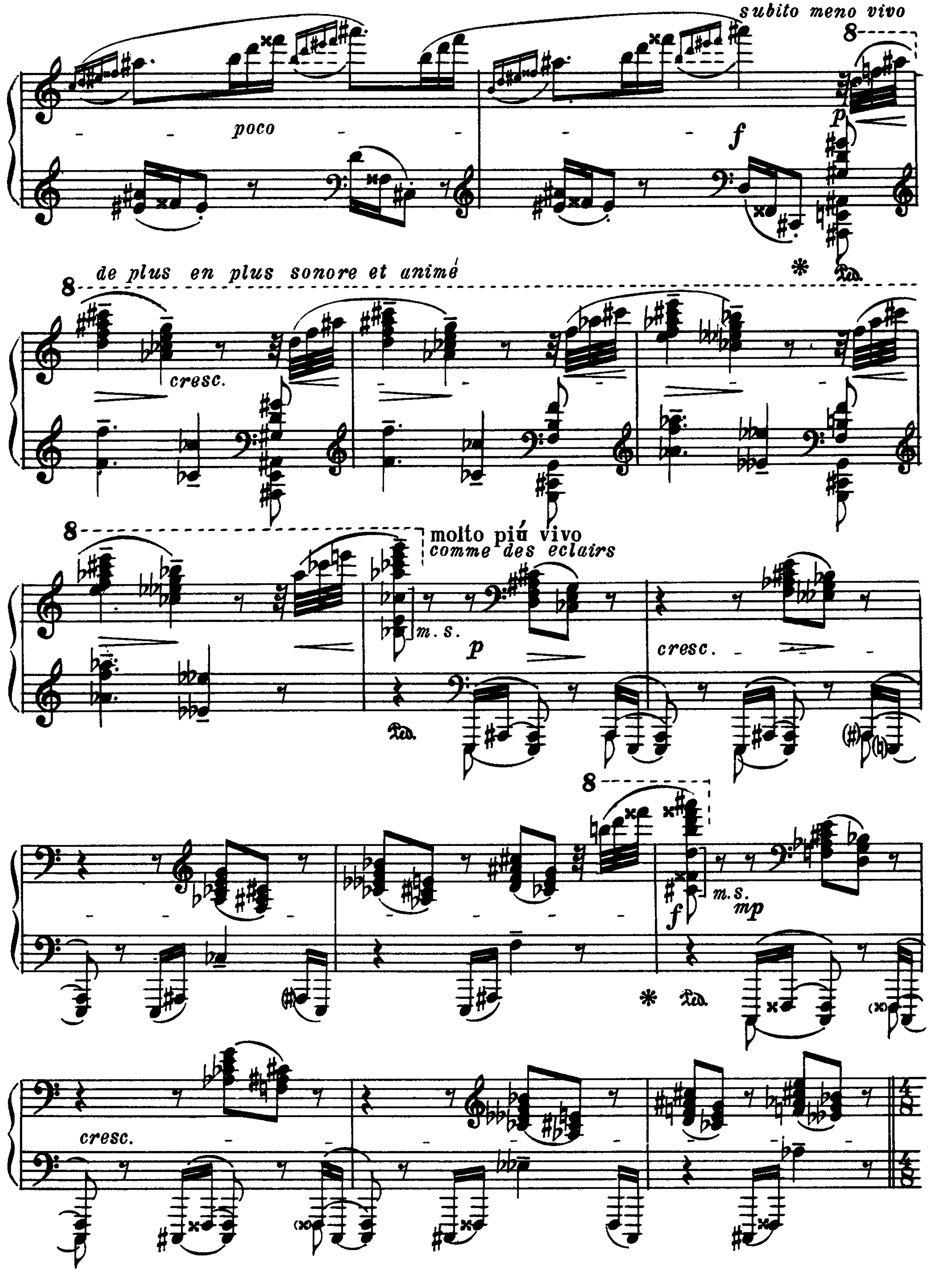
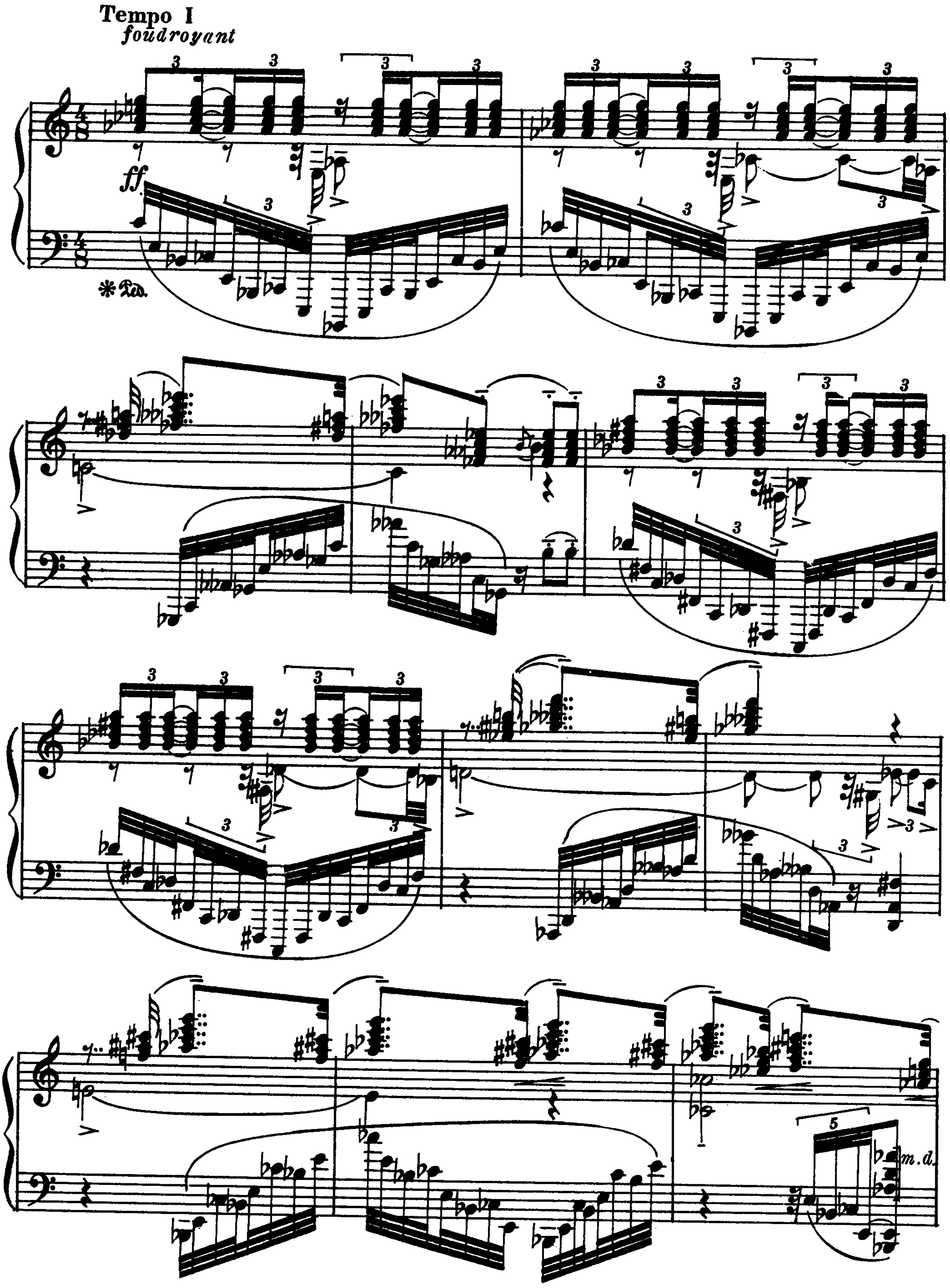
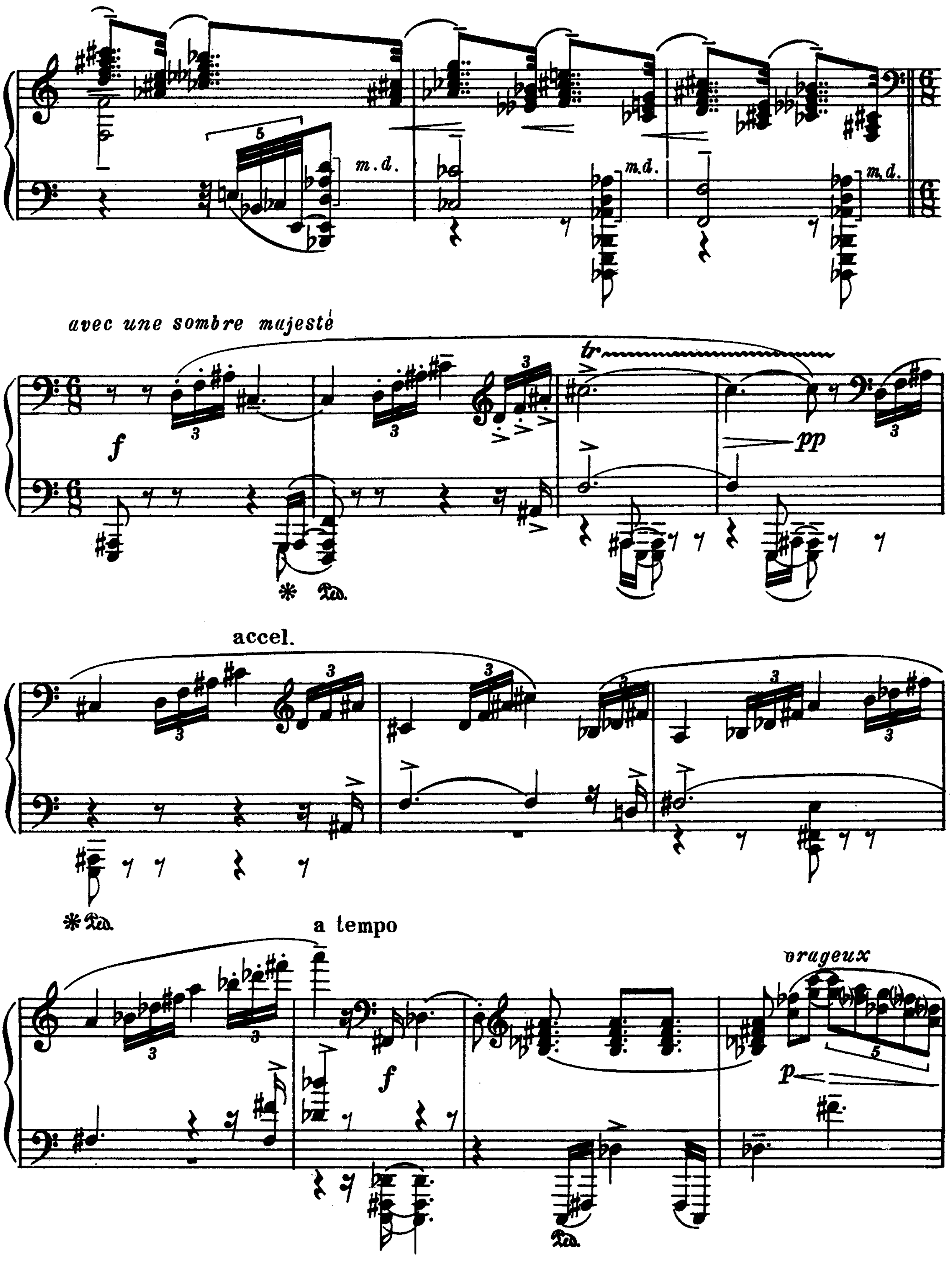
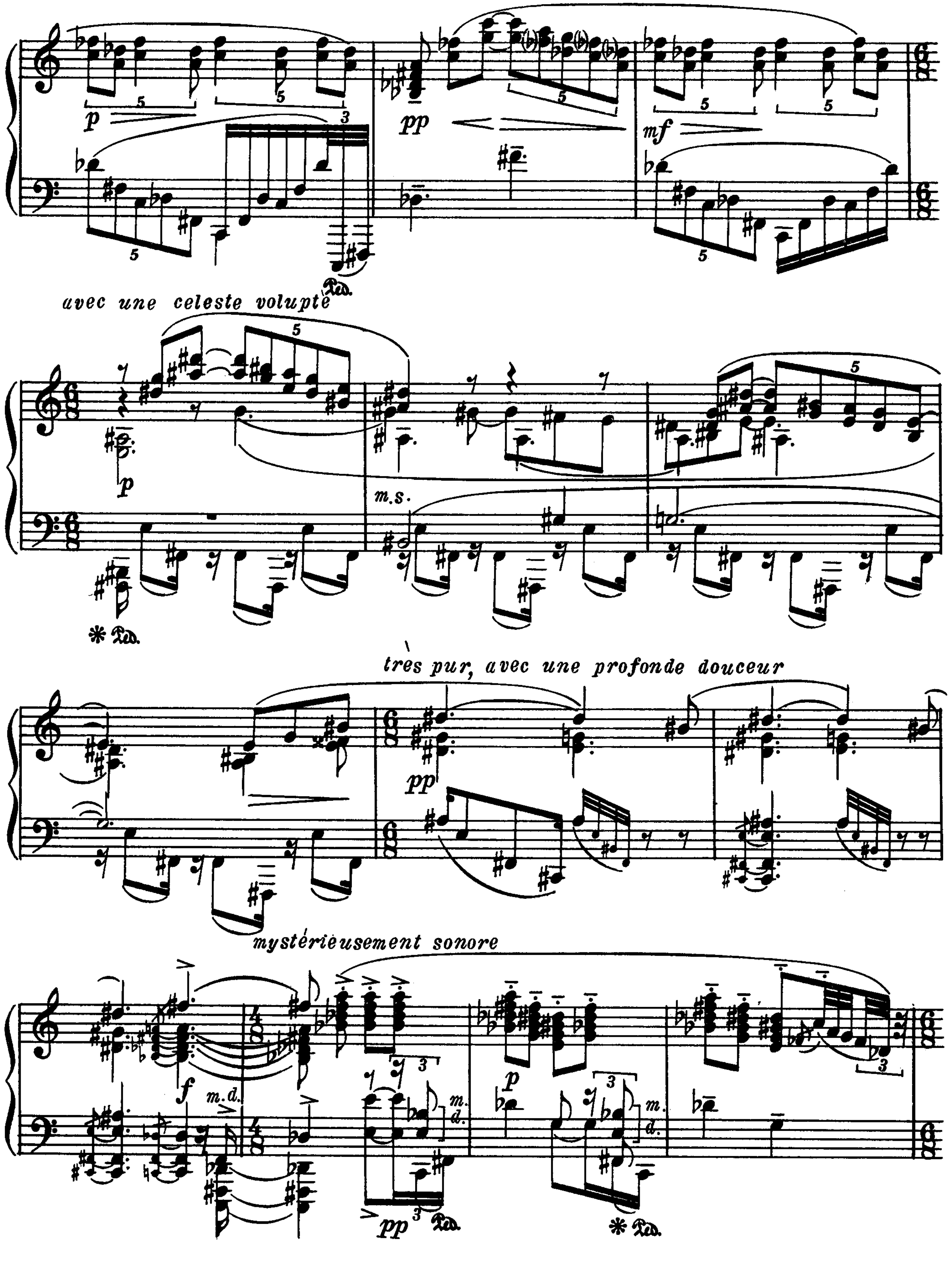
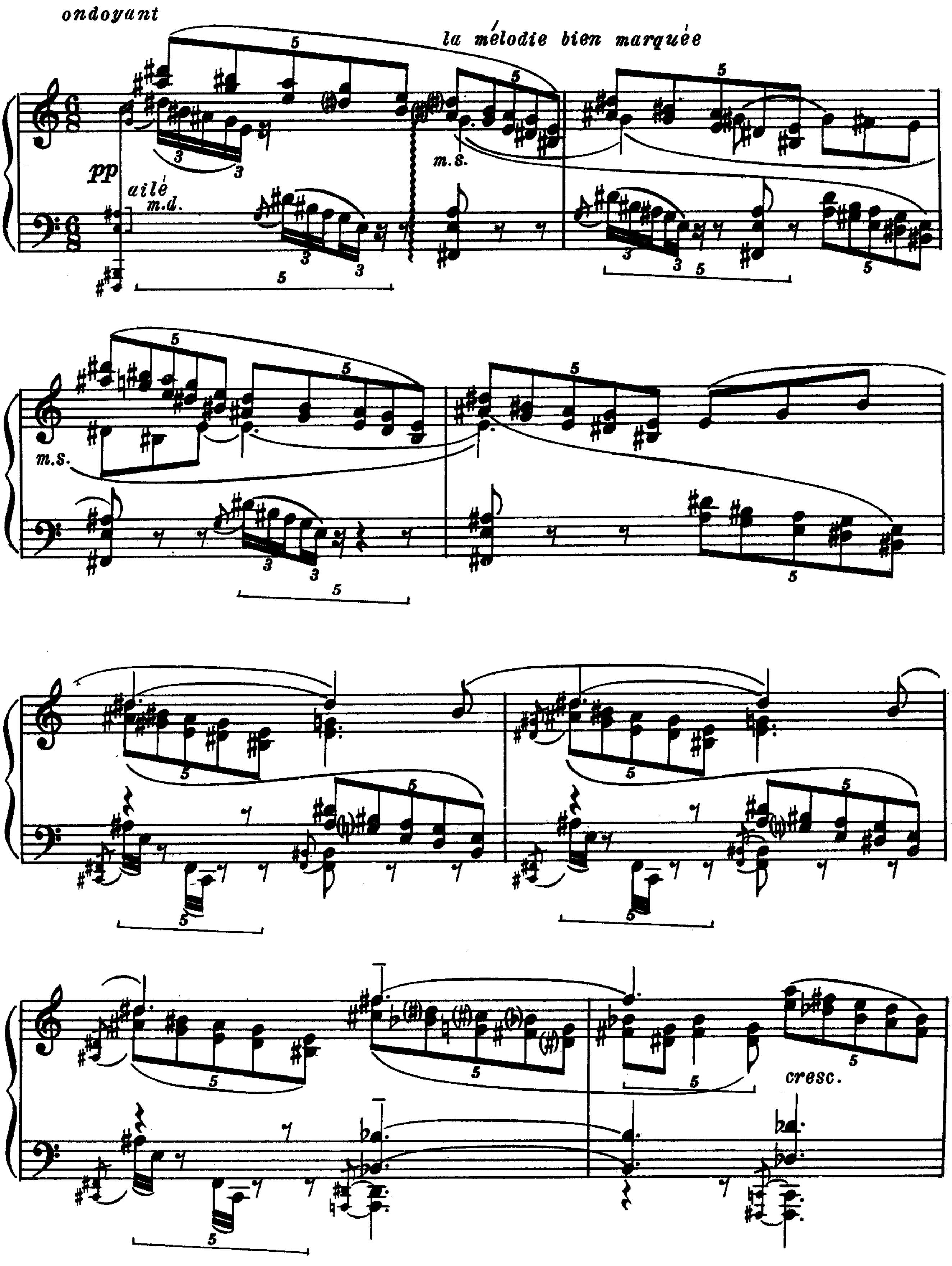
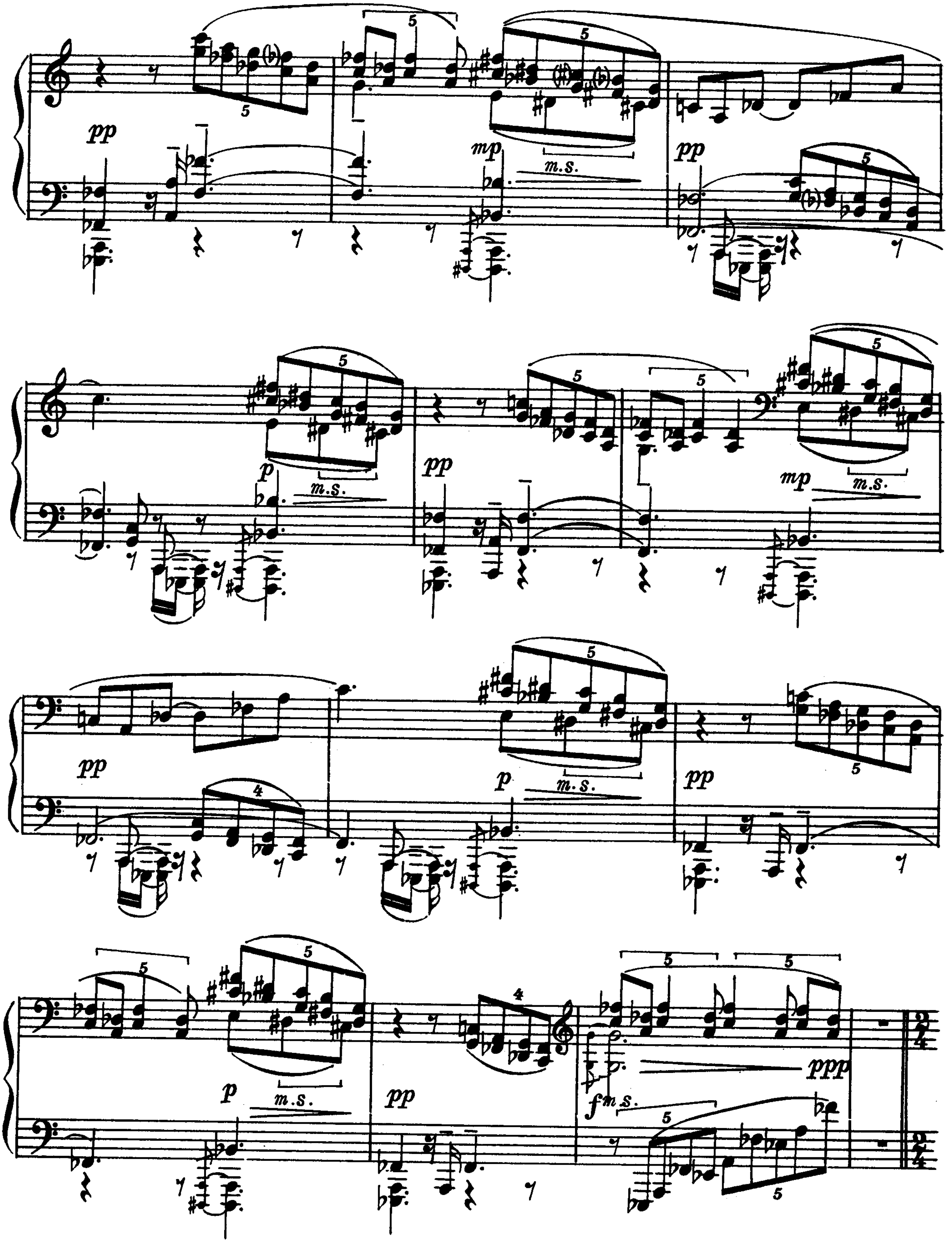
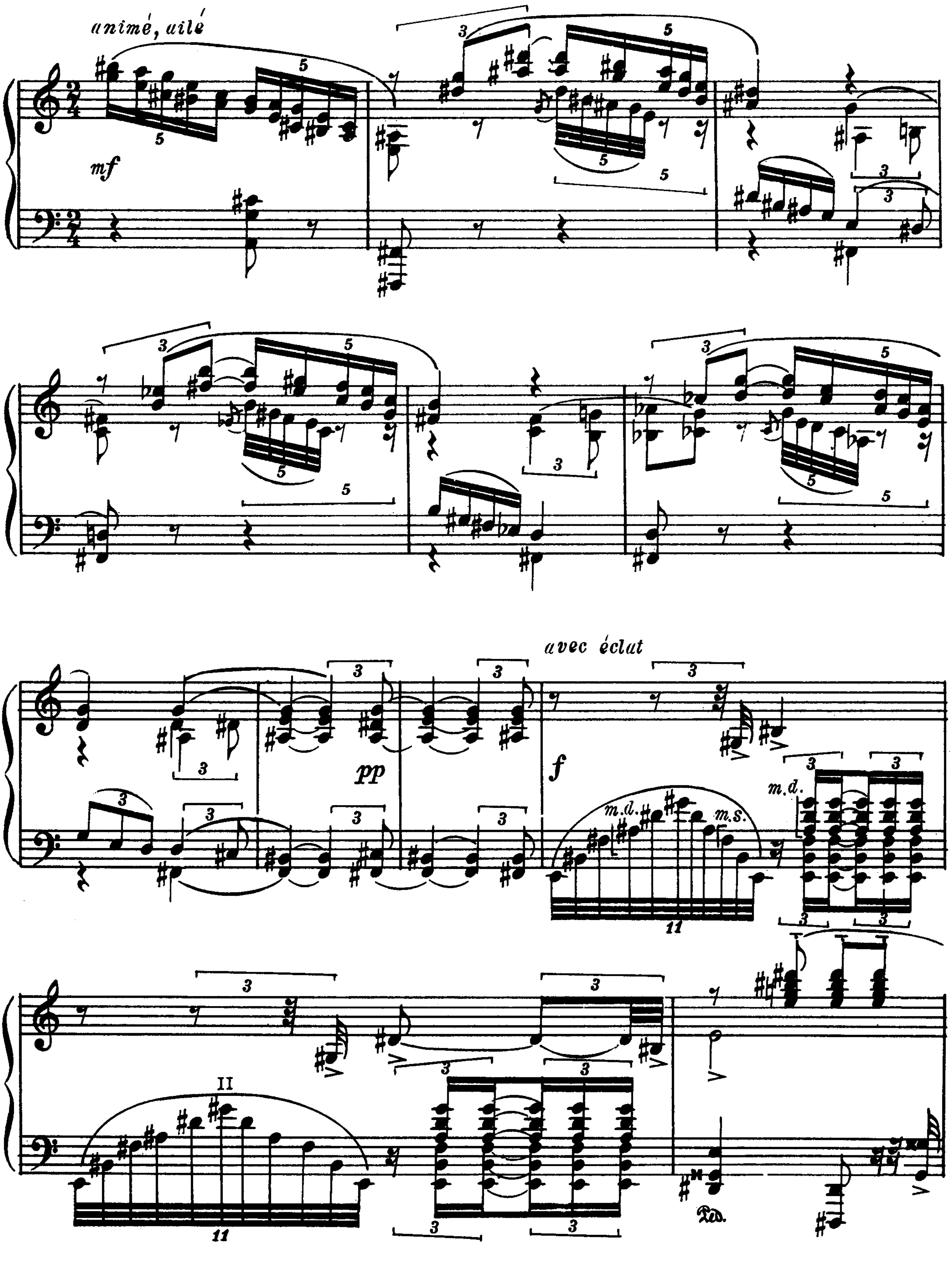
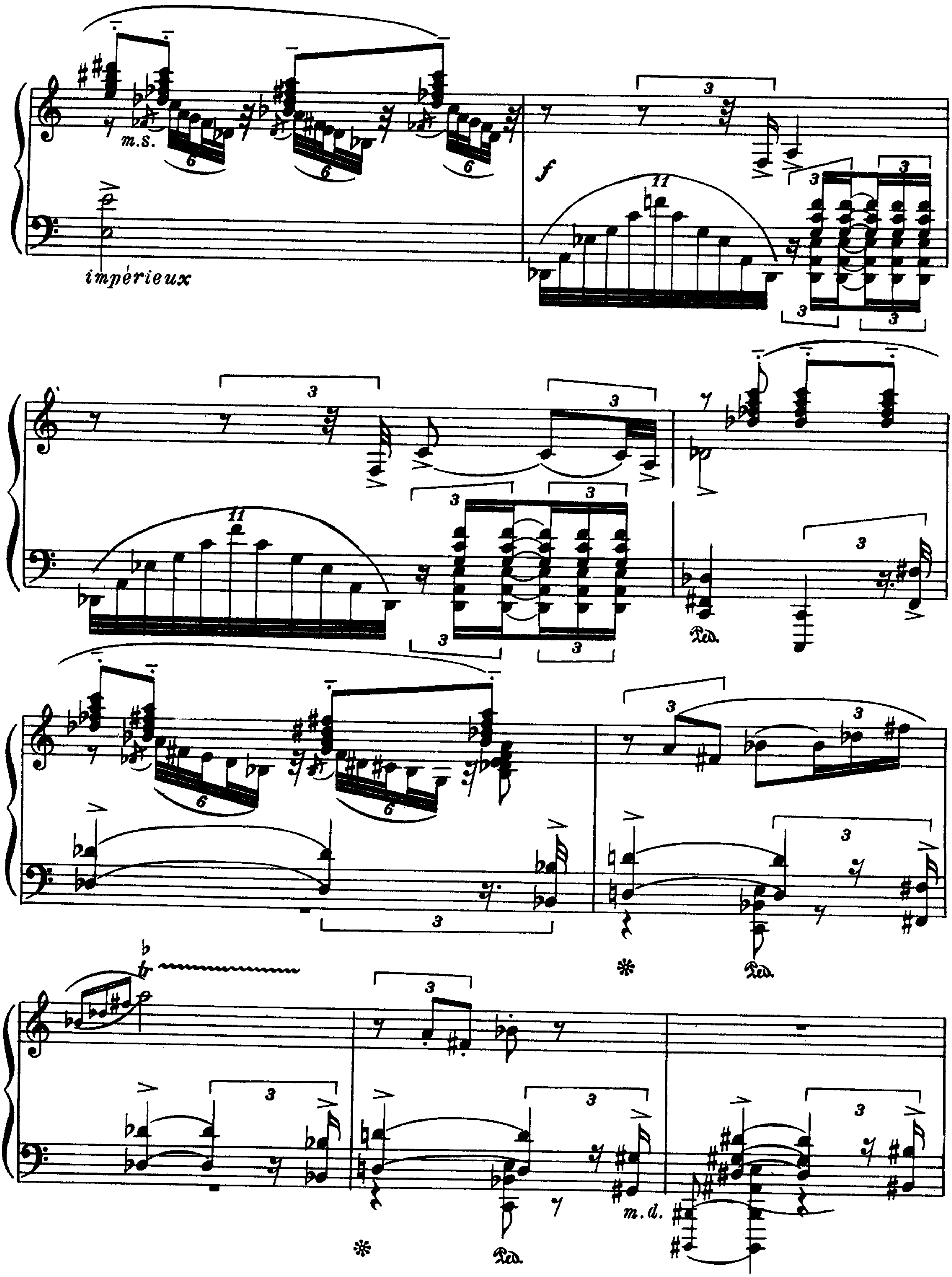
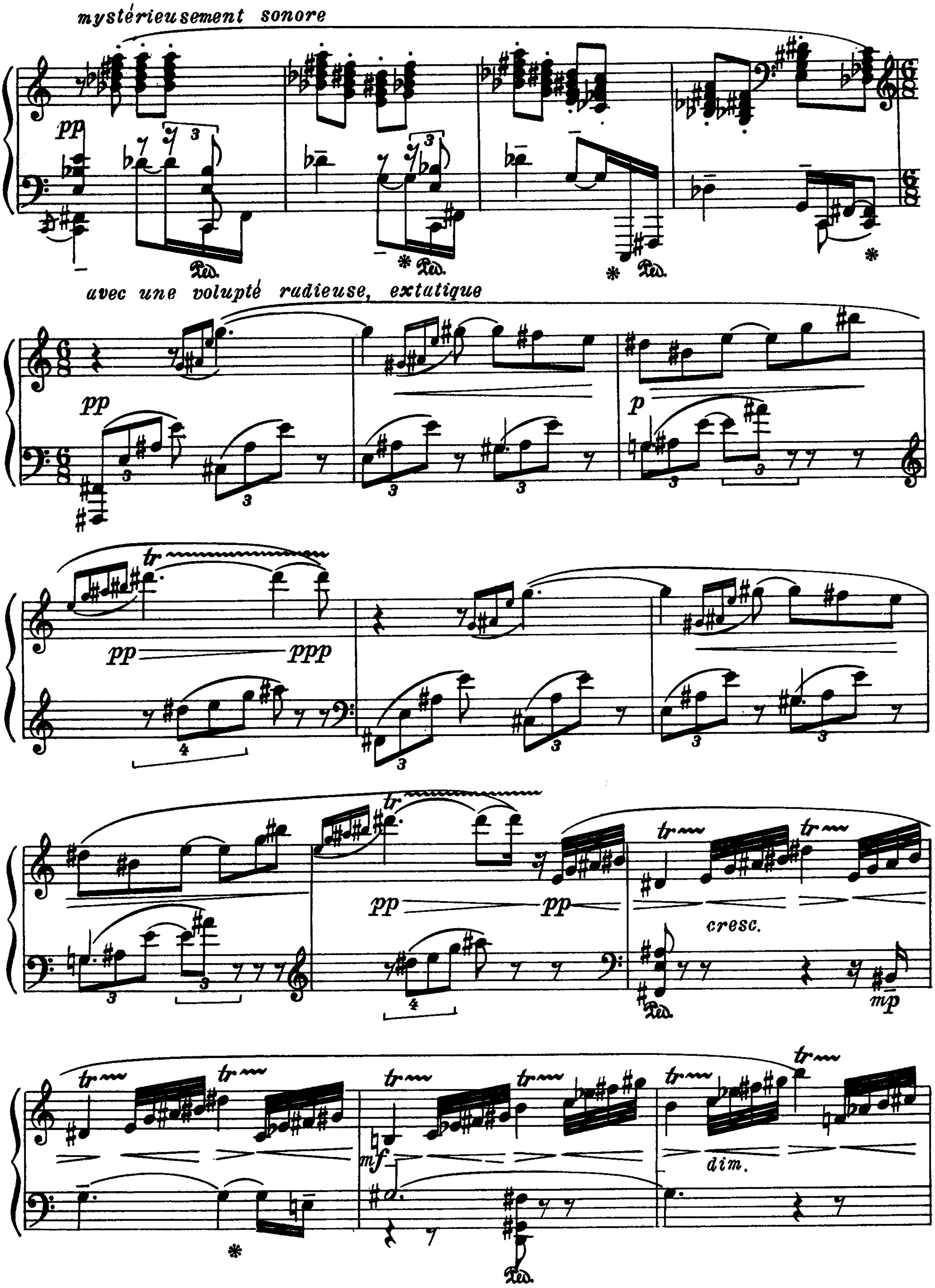
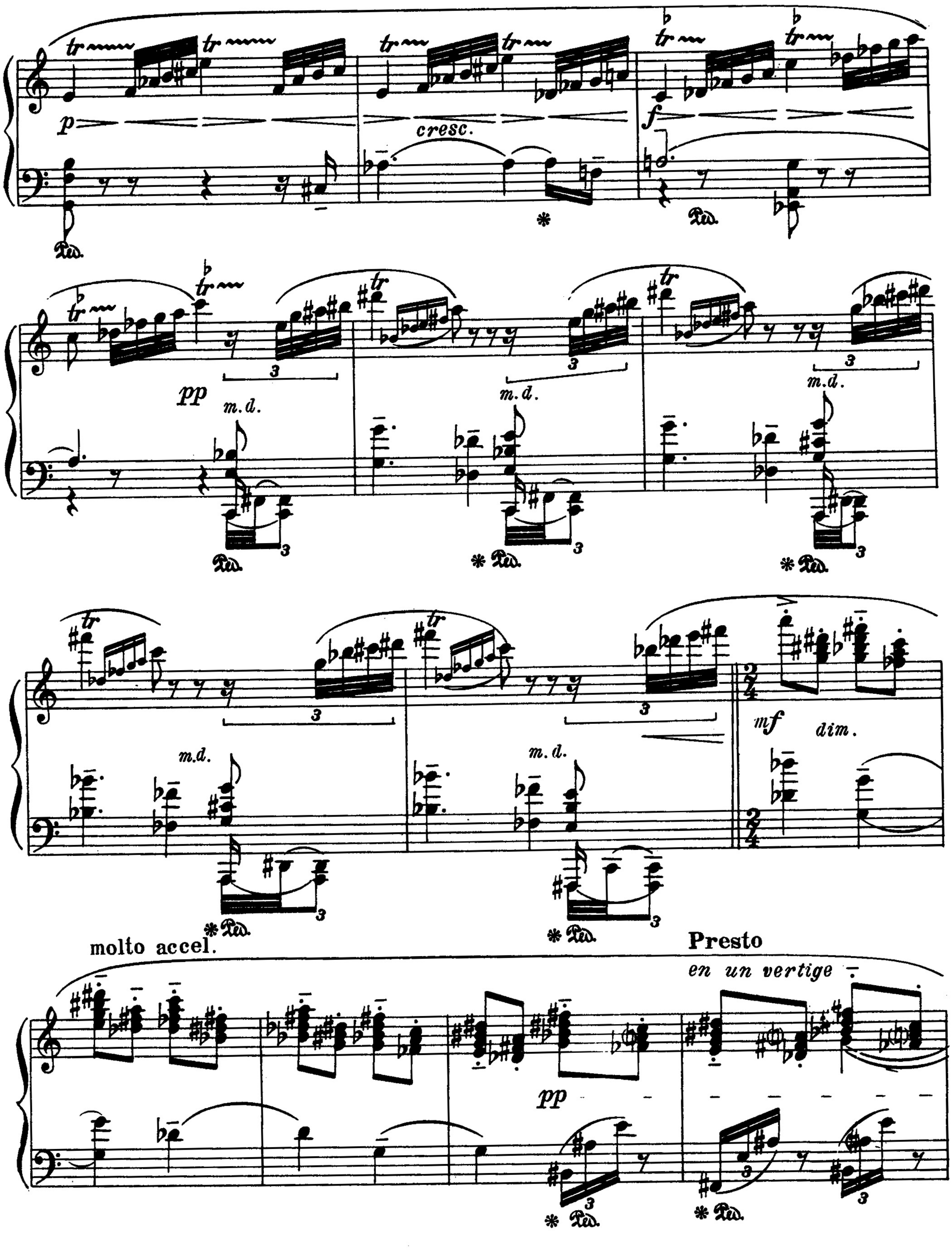

vol joyeux
pp
p m.s.
m.d.
pp
m.s.
impérieux
cresc.
poco
a
impérieux

subito meno vivo
poco
f
p
de plus en plus sonore et animé
cresc.
molto più vivo
comme des eclairs
m. s.
p
cresc.
m. s.
mp
f
cresc.


Tempo I
foudroyant
ff
m.d.


m.d.
m.d.
m.d.
avec une sombre majesté
tr
f
pp
accel.
a tempo
f
orageux
p

p
pp
mf
avec une celeste volupte
p
m.s.
tres pur, avec une profonde douceur
pp
mystérieusement sonore
f
m.d.
m.d.
m.d.
p
pp

ondoyant
la mélodie bien marquée
pp
ailé
m.d.
m.s.
m.s.
cresc.

poco meno vivo


animé, ailé
mf
avec éclat
pp
f
m.d.
m.s.
II
Ped.

m.s.
impérieux
f
11
11
m.d.

mystérieusement sonore
avec une volupté radieuse, extatique
cresc.
dim.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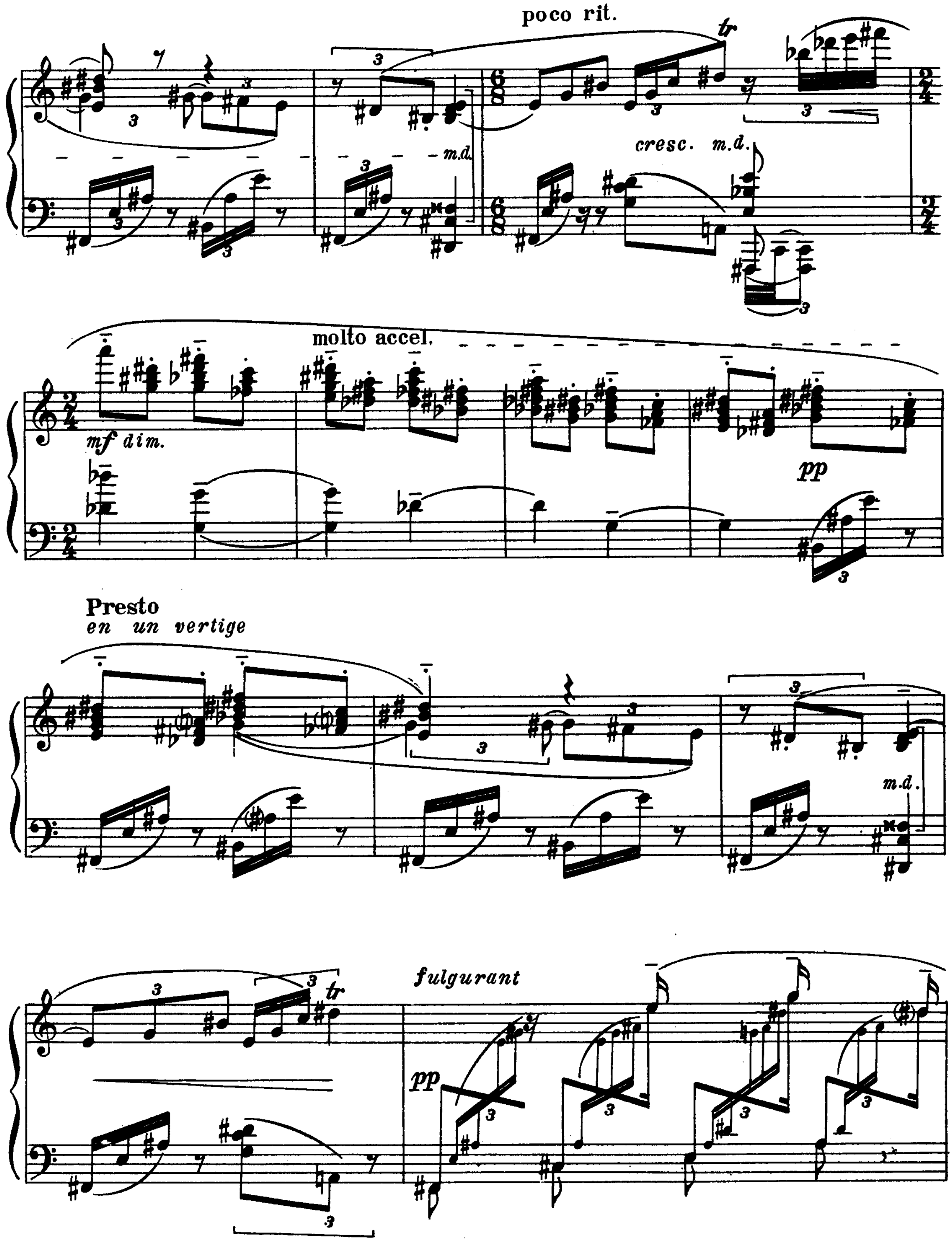
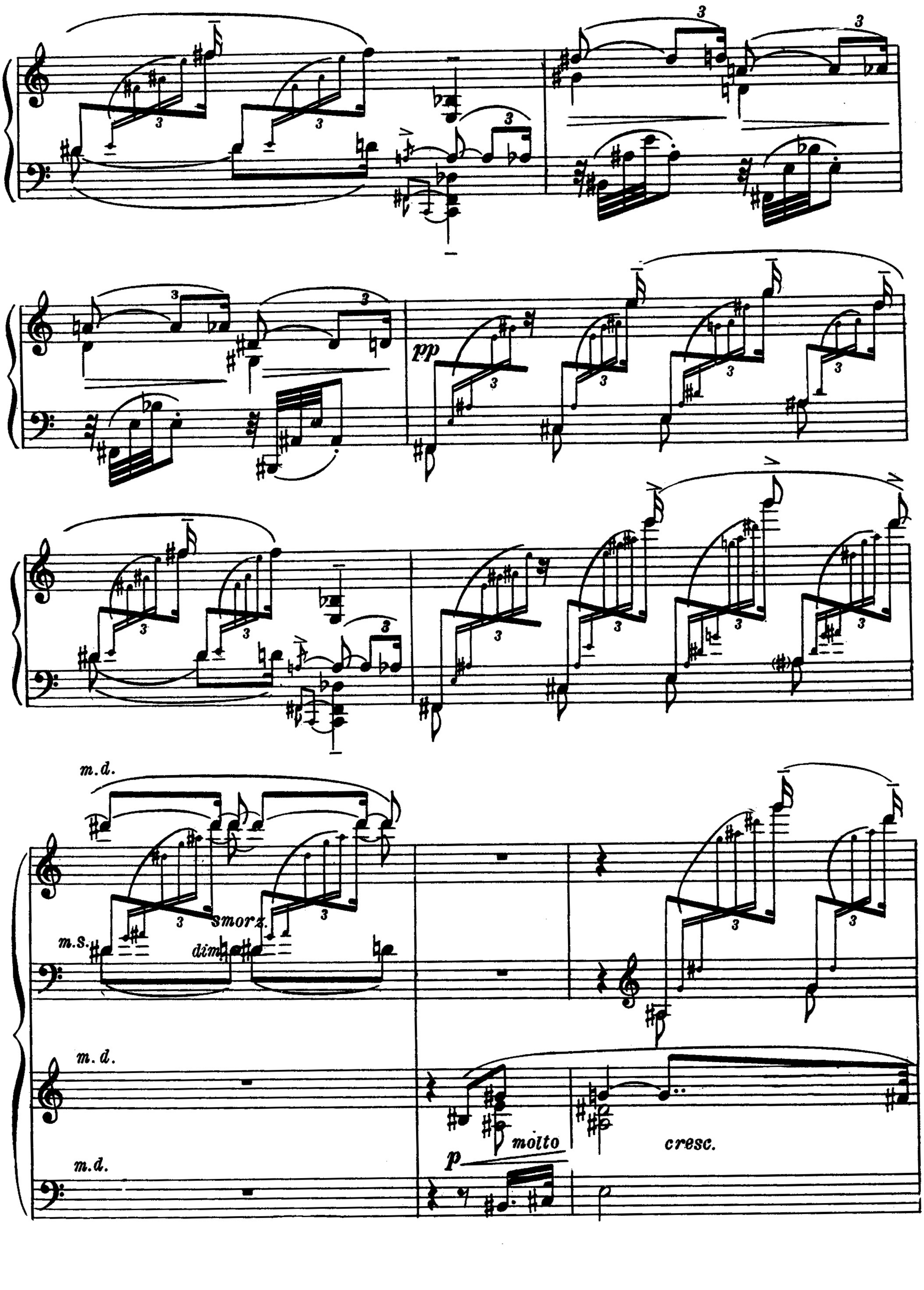
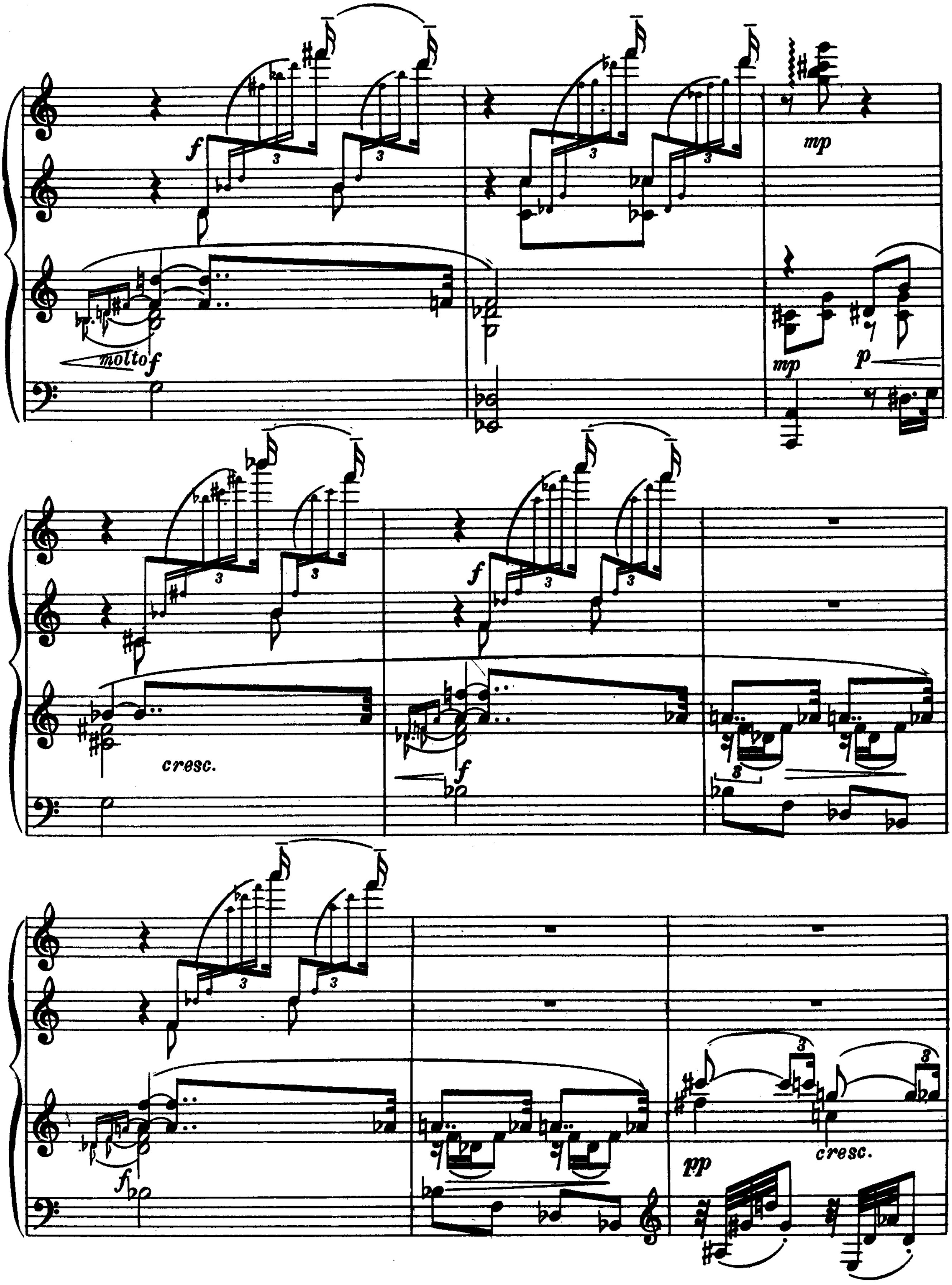
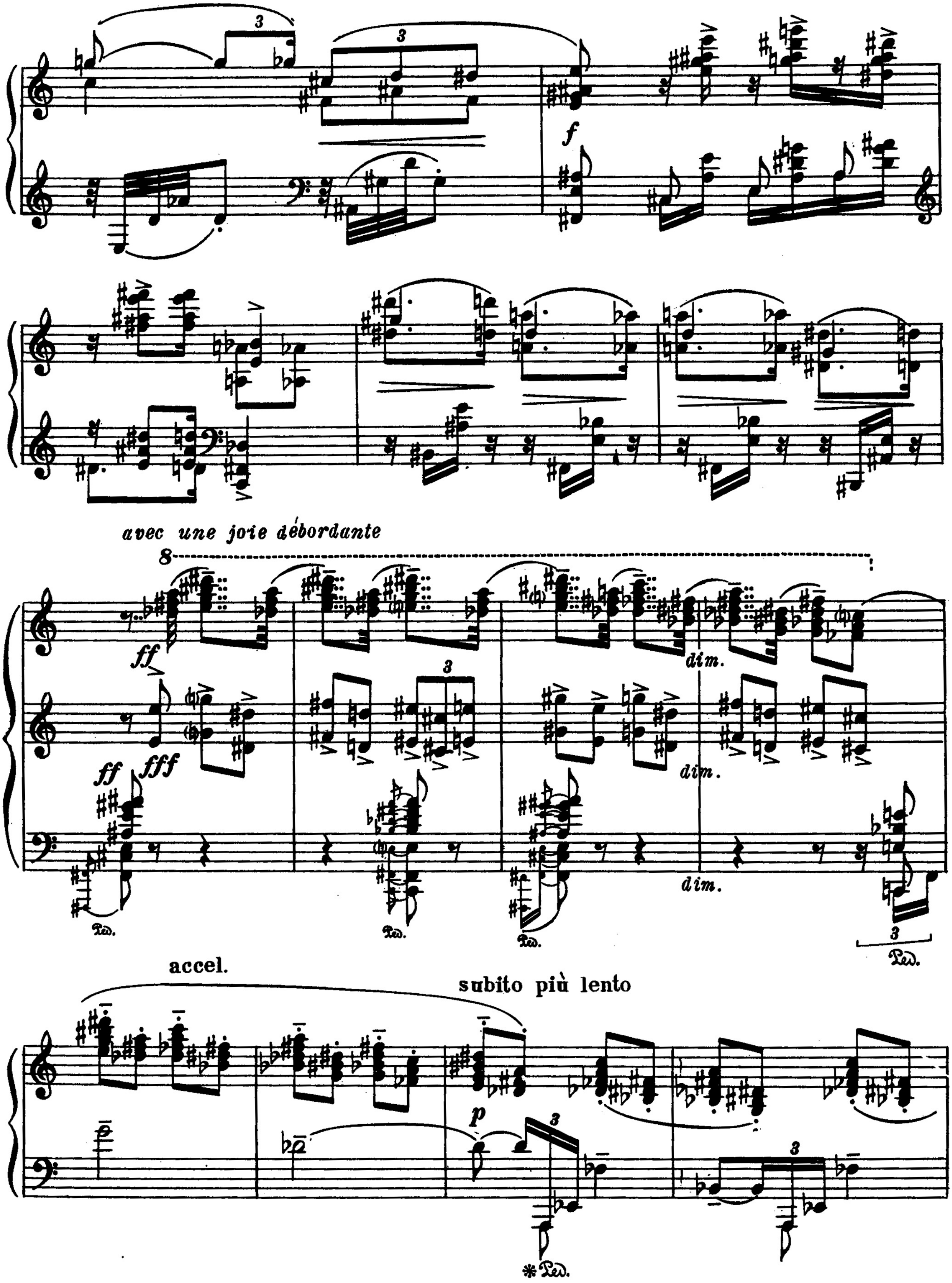
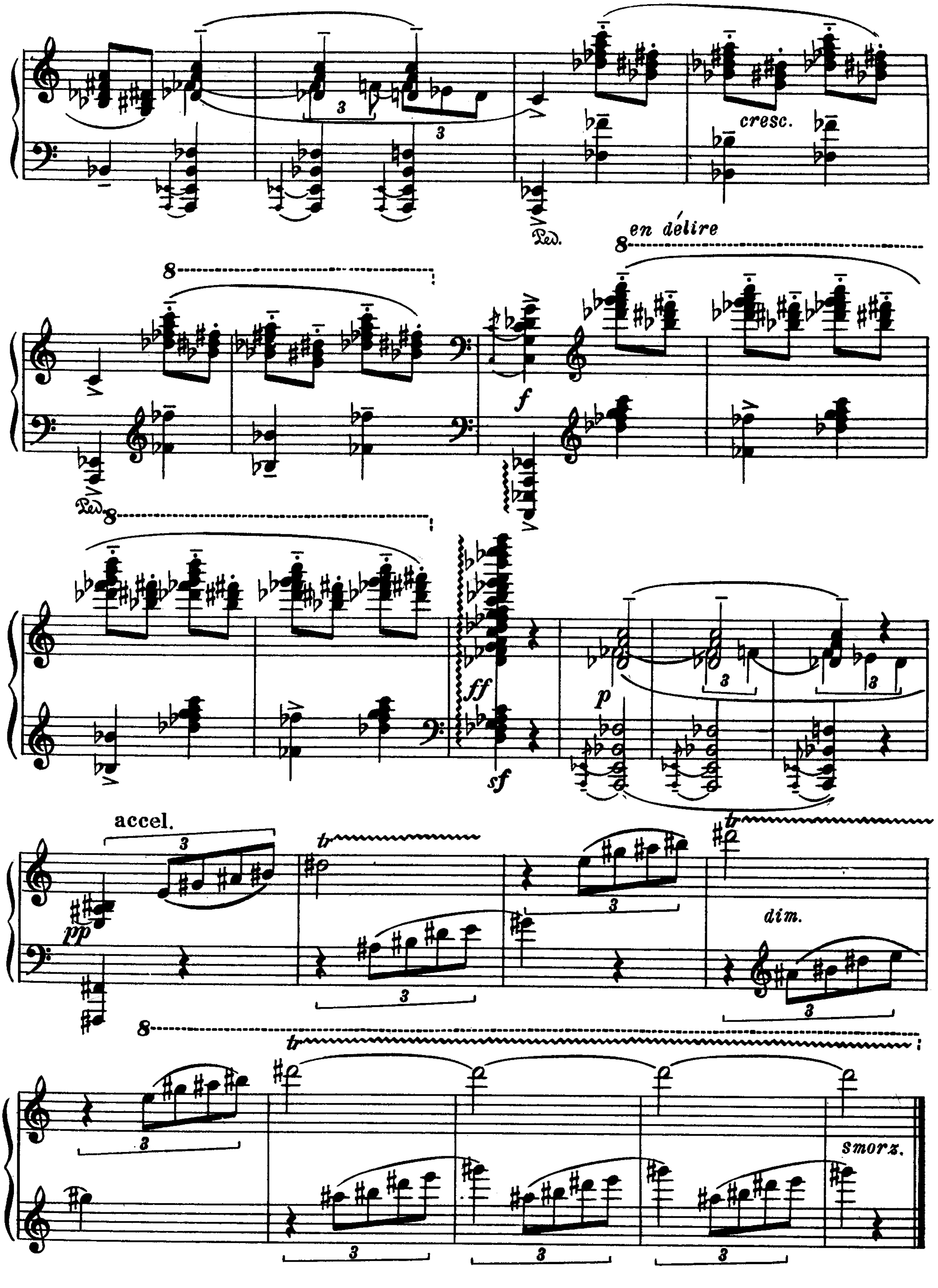
cresc.
f
pp
m.d.
mf
dim.
molto accel.
Presto
en un vertige
pp

poco rit.
m.d.
cresc. m.d.
molto accel.
mf dim.
pp
Presto
en un vertige
m.d.
fulgurant
pp
tr


pp
m.d.
m.s.
smorz.
dim.
m.d.
molto
cresc.
m.d.
p

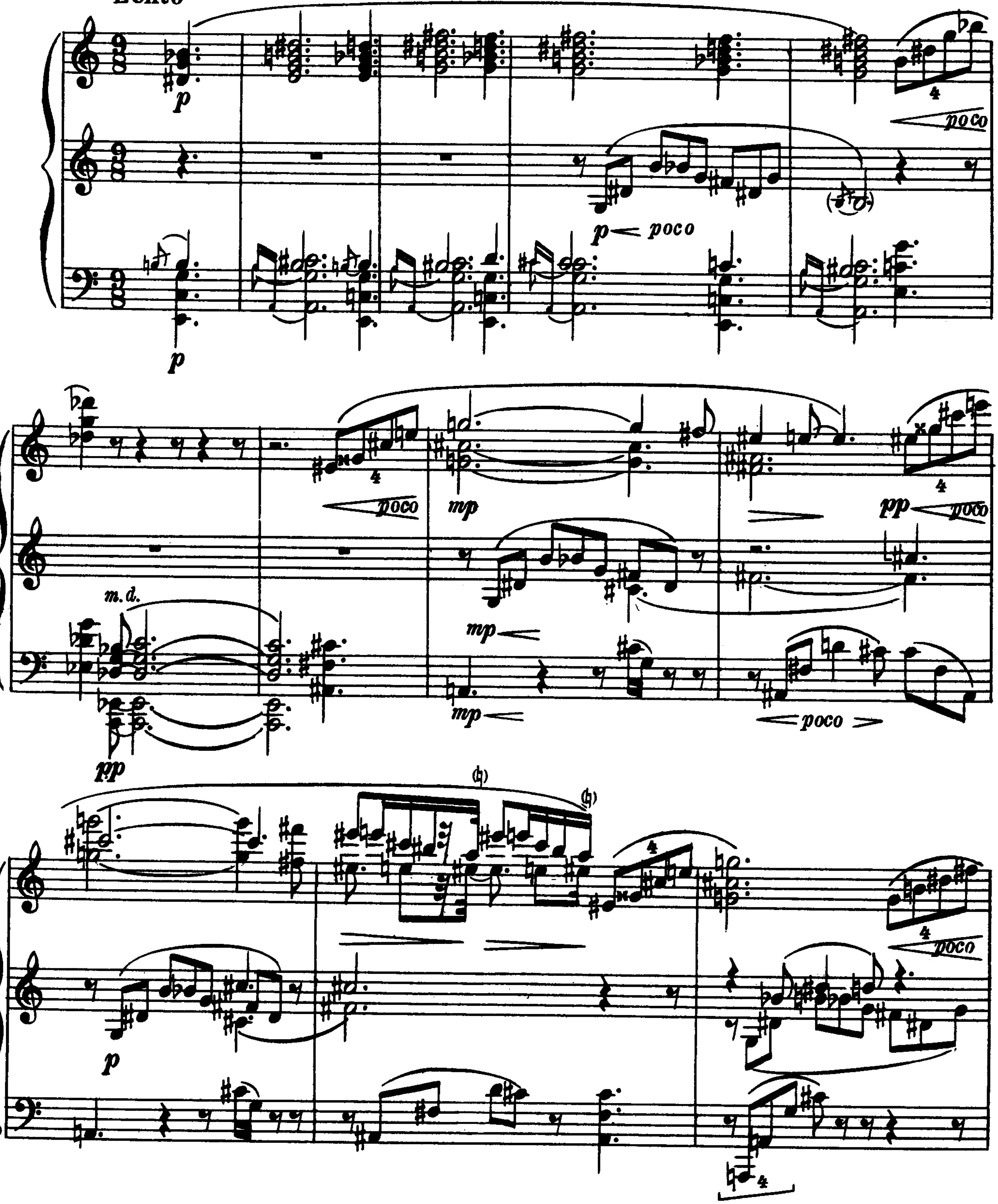
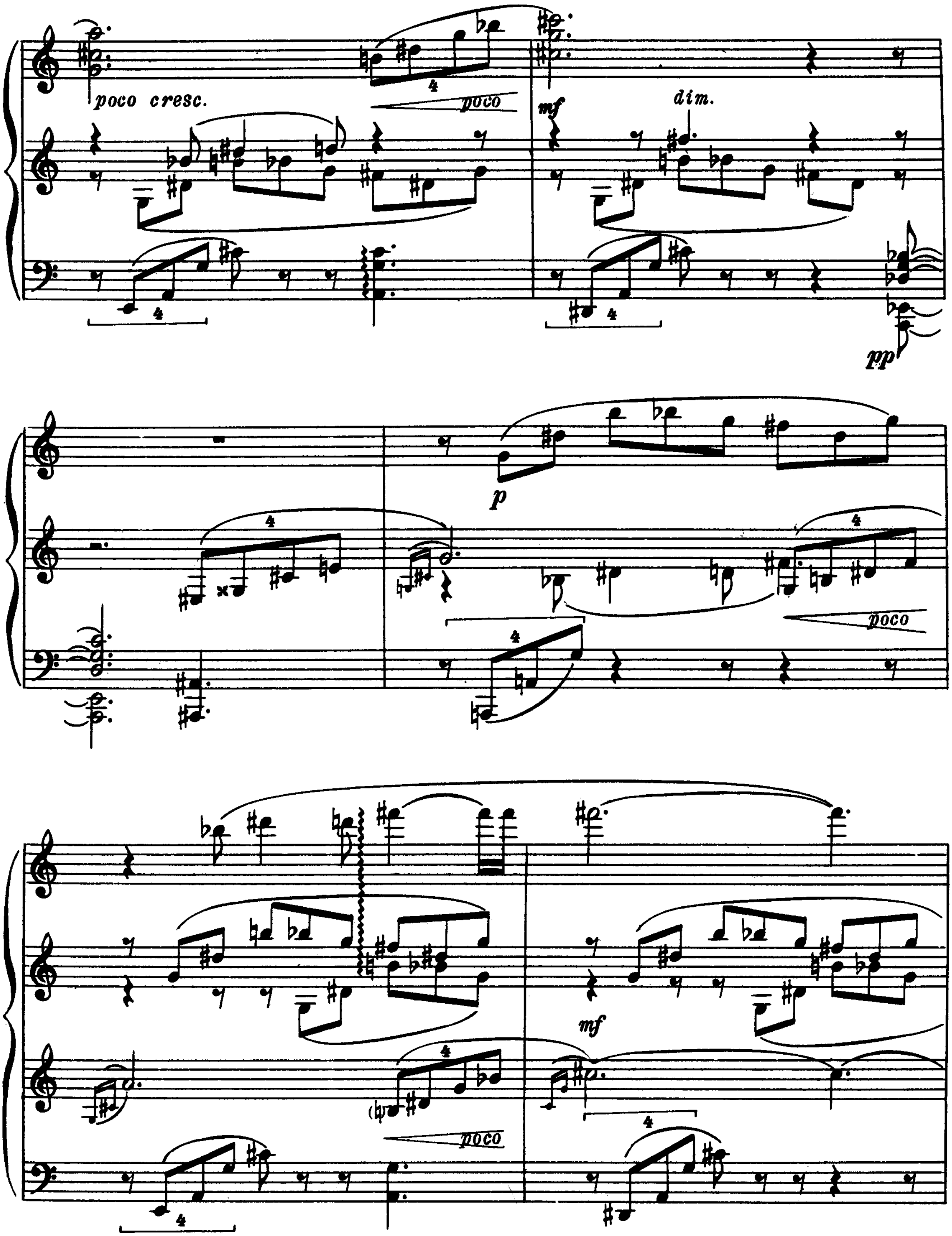


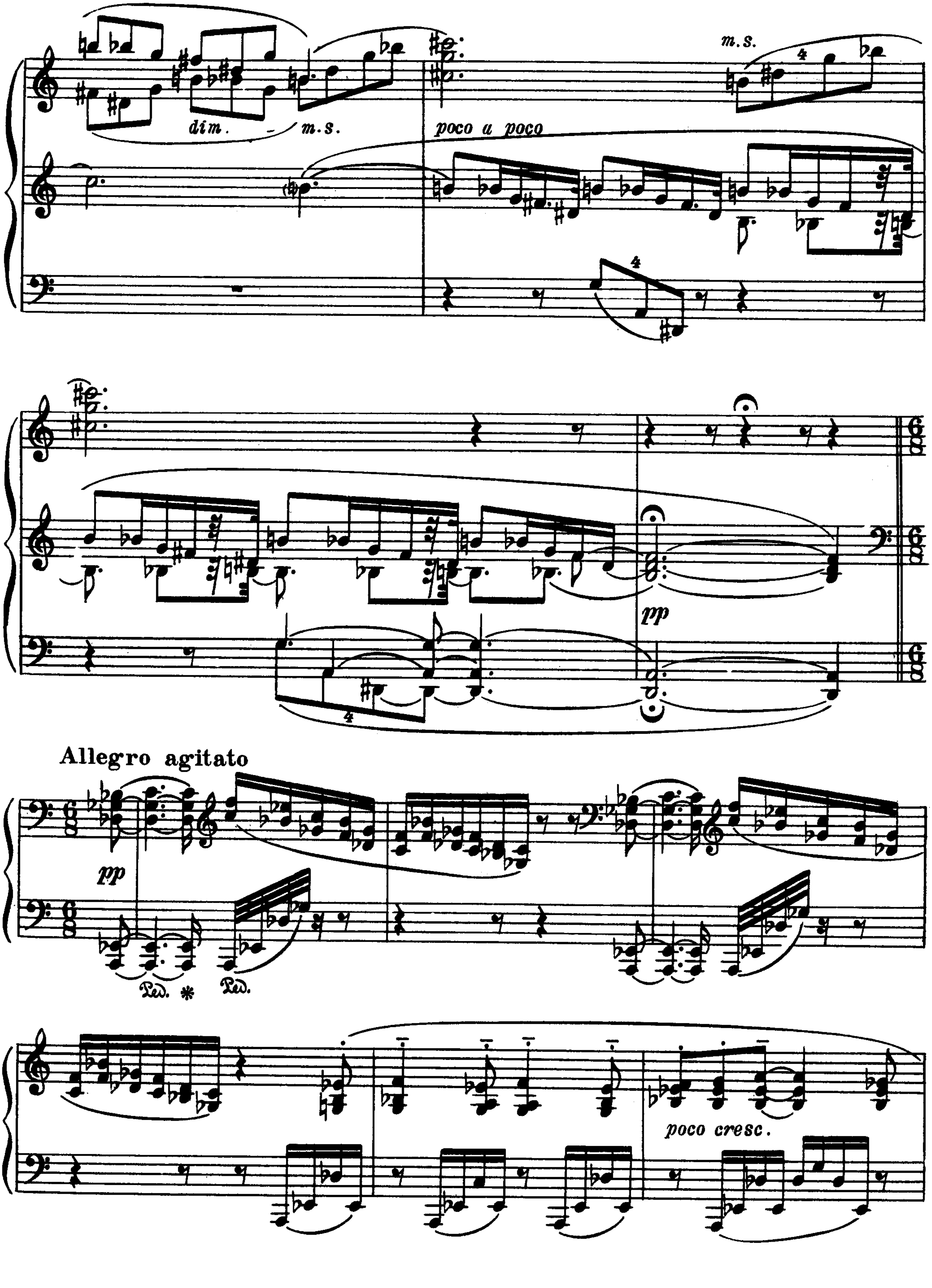
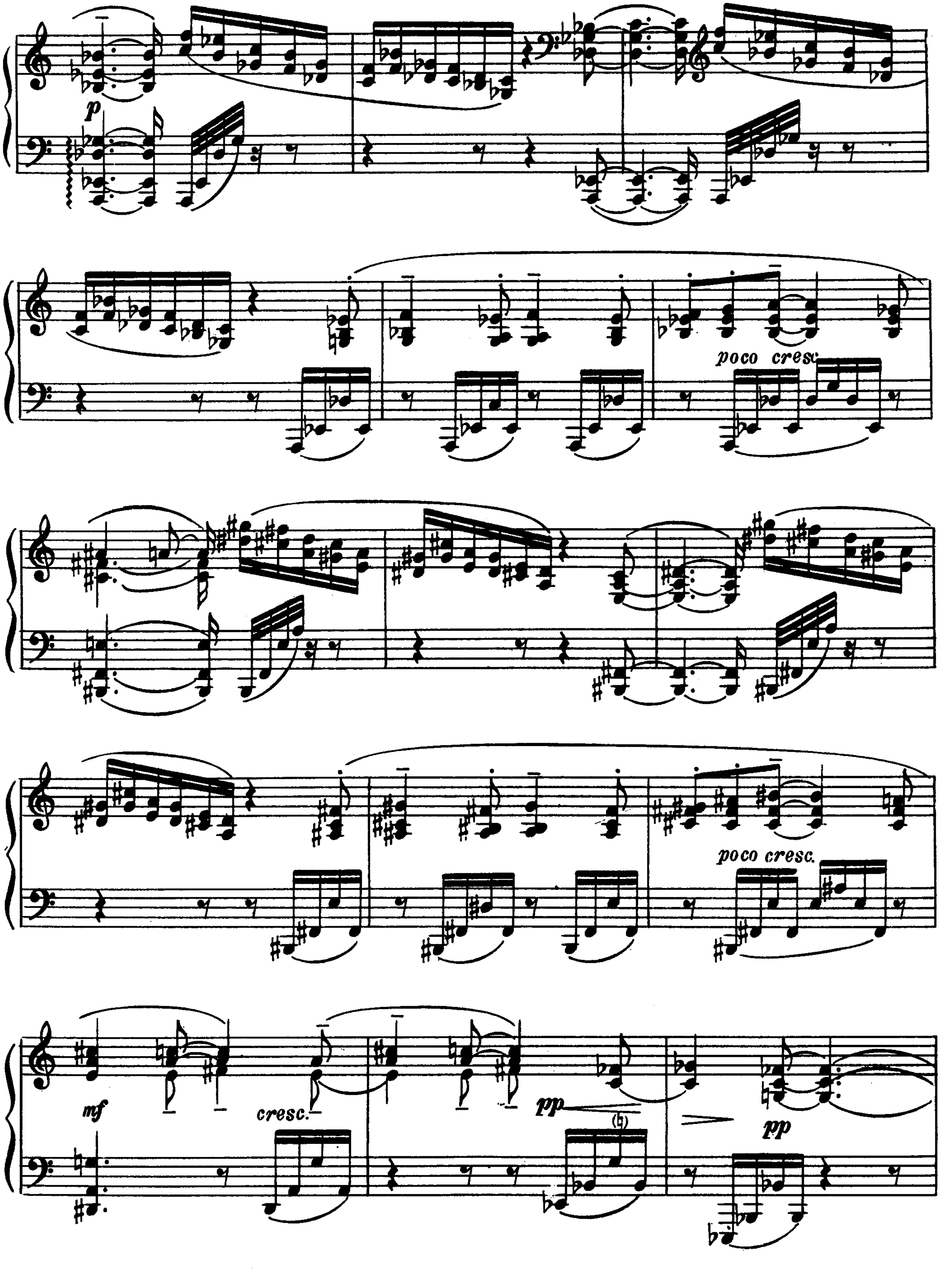
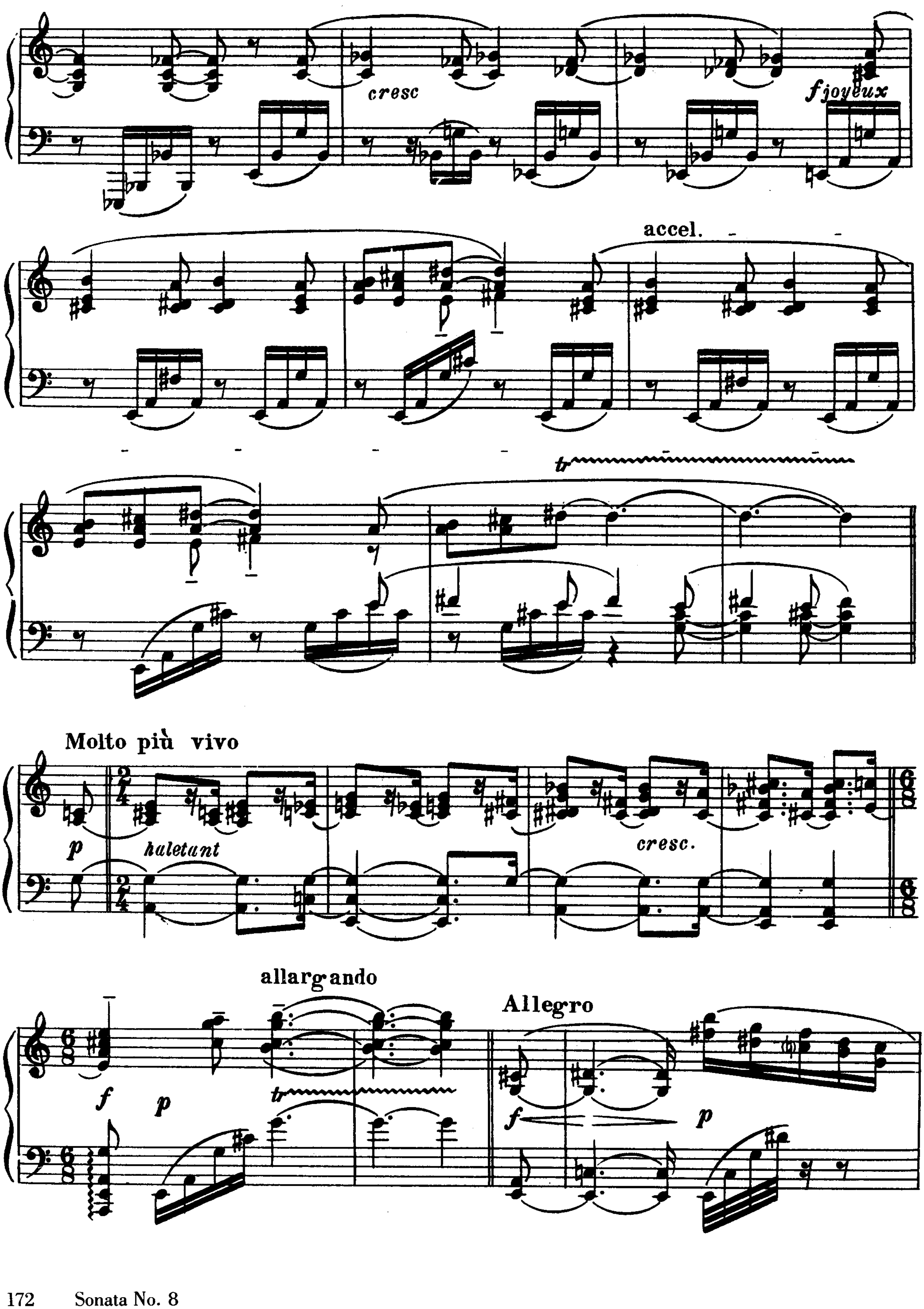
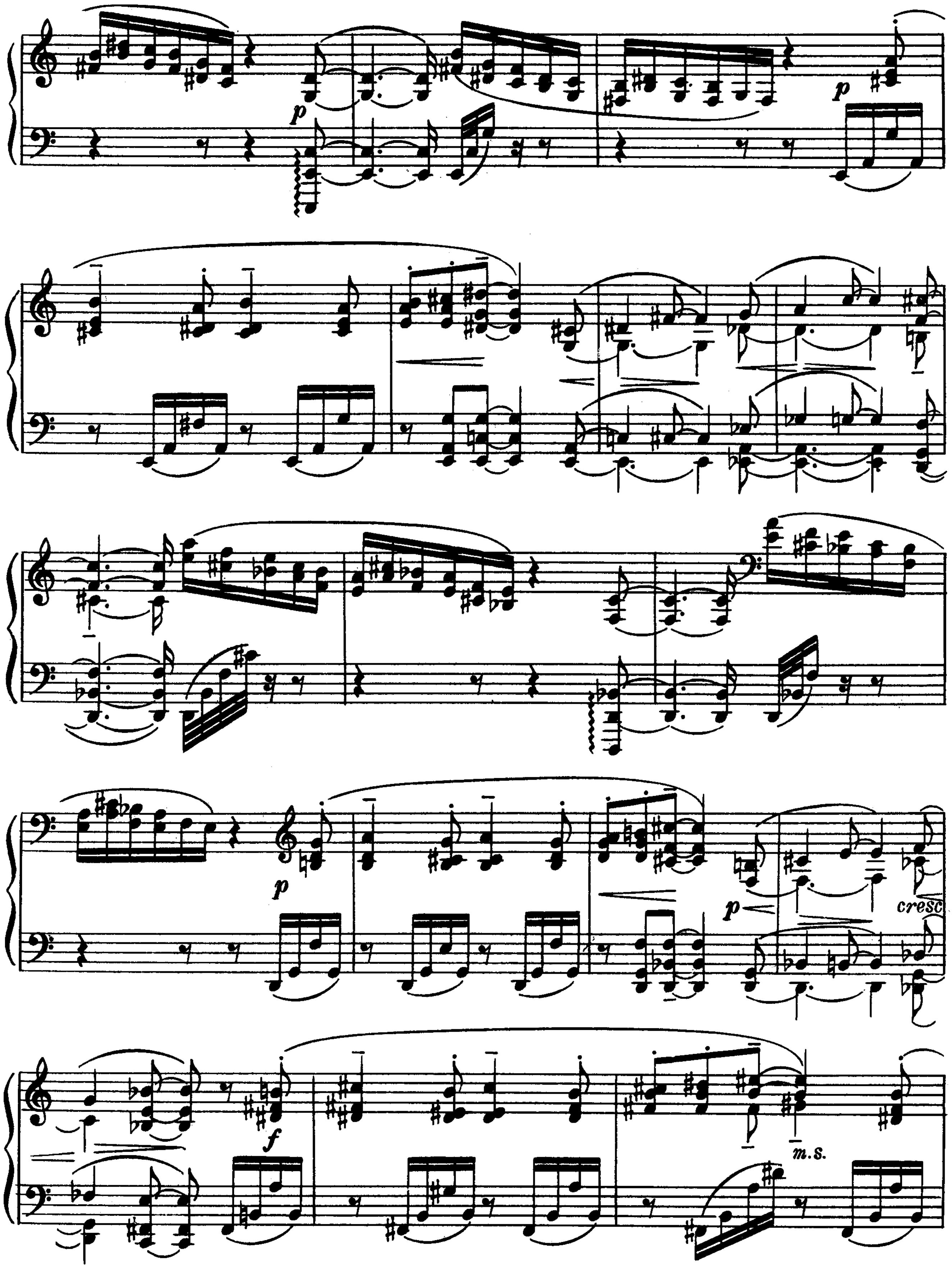
molto
cresc.
cresc.

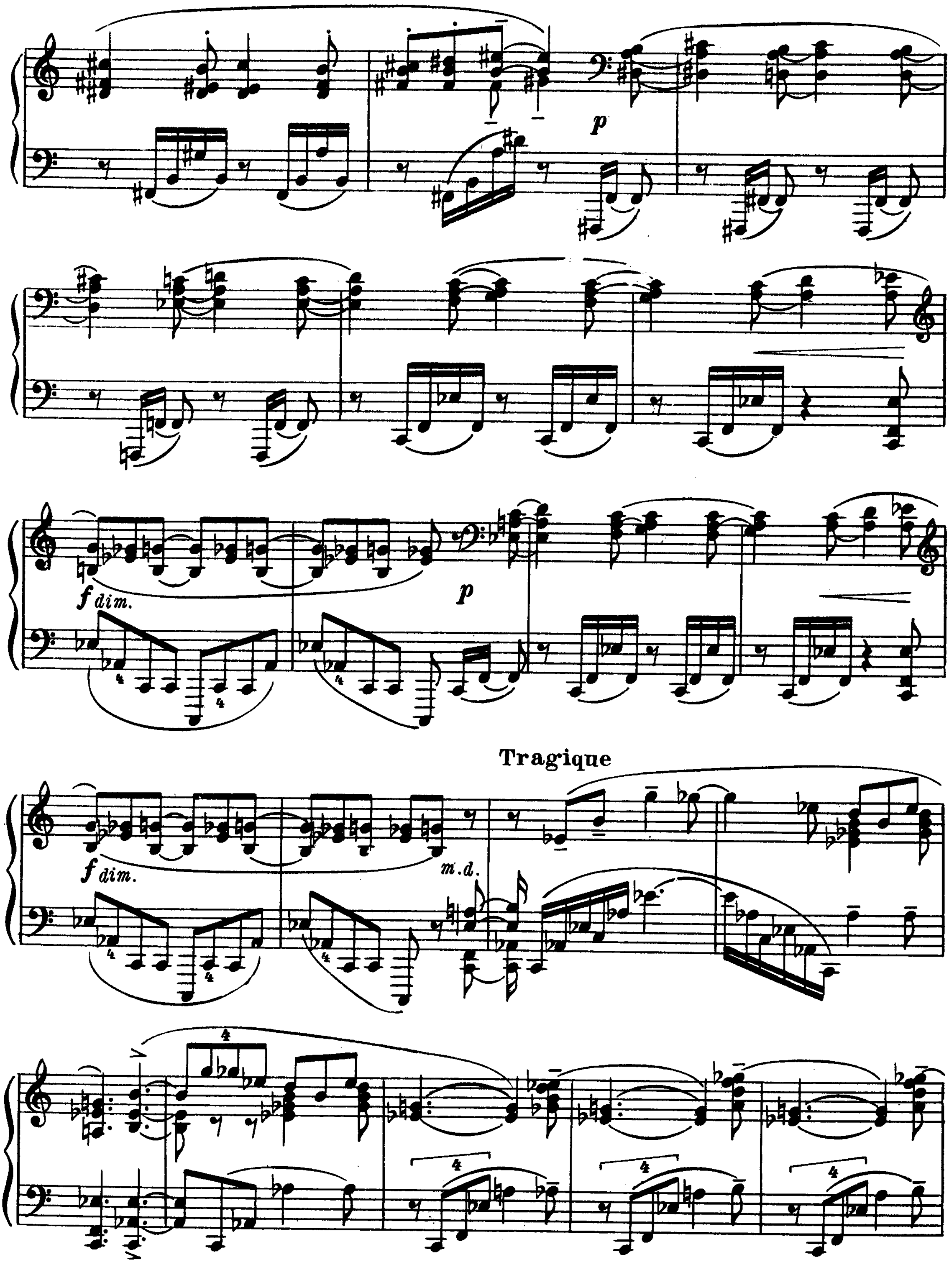

avec une joie débordante
dim.
accel.
subito più lento

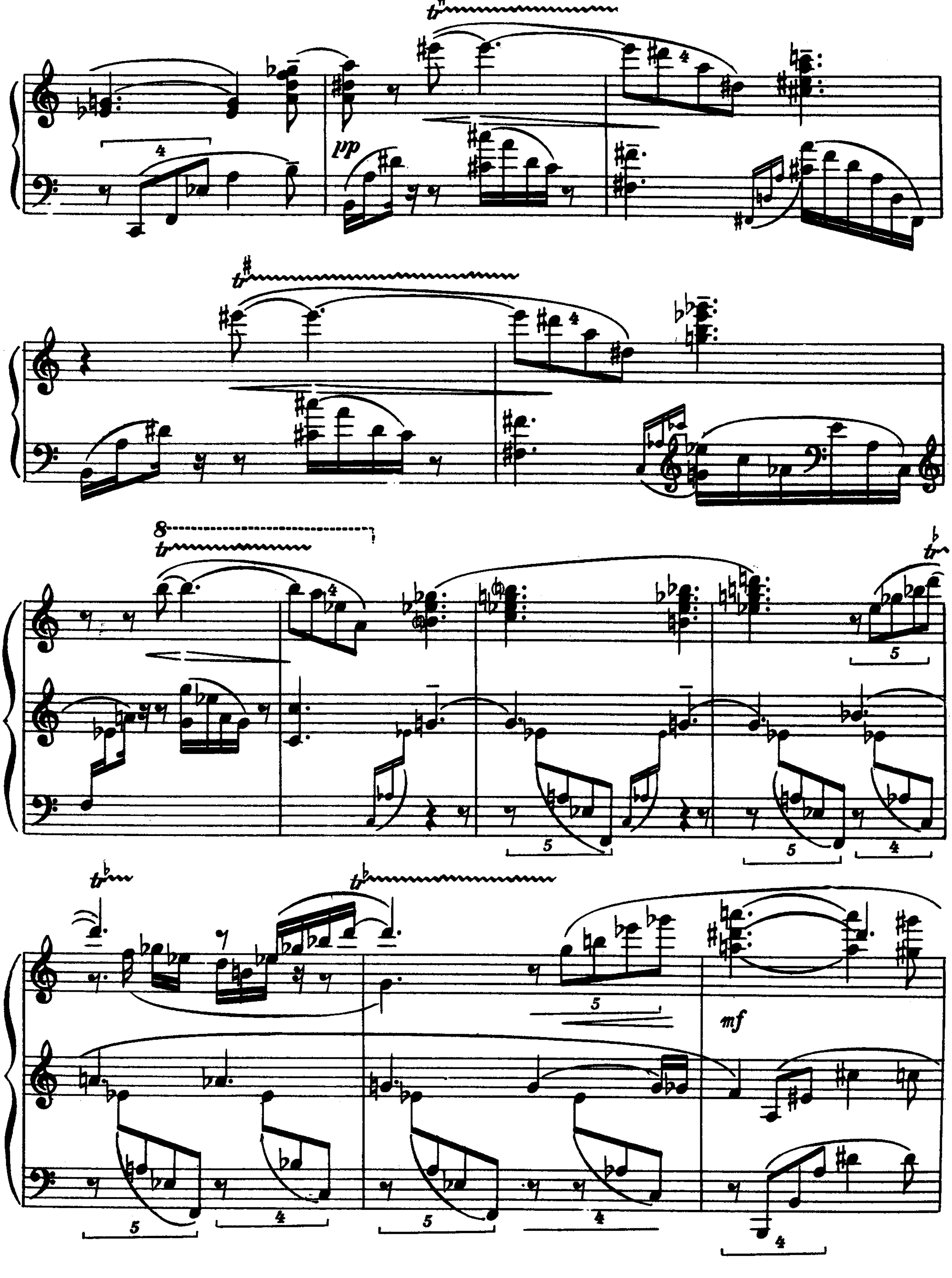
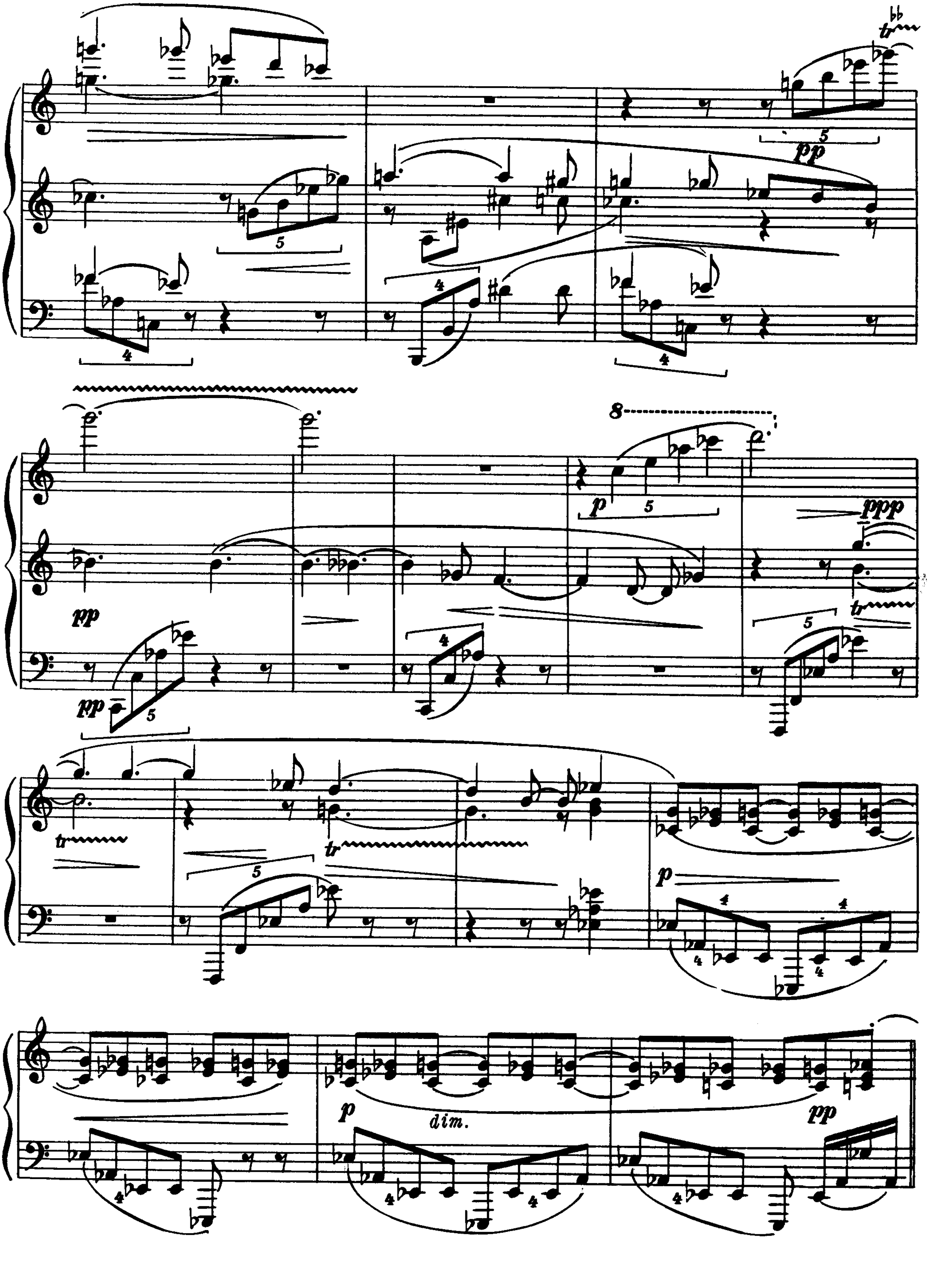
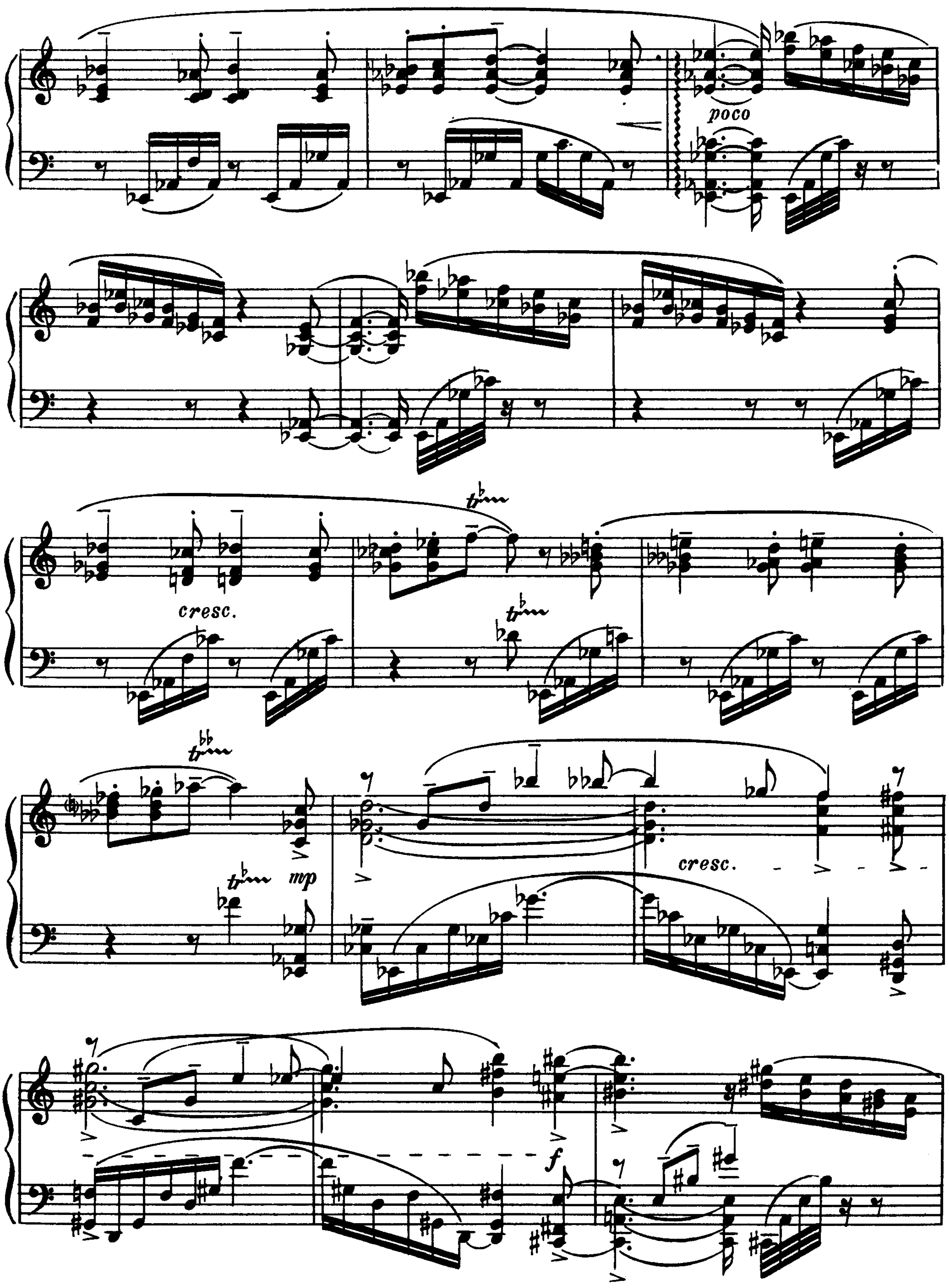
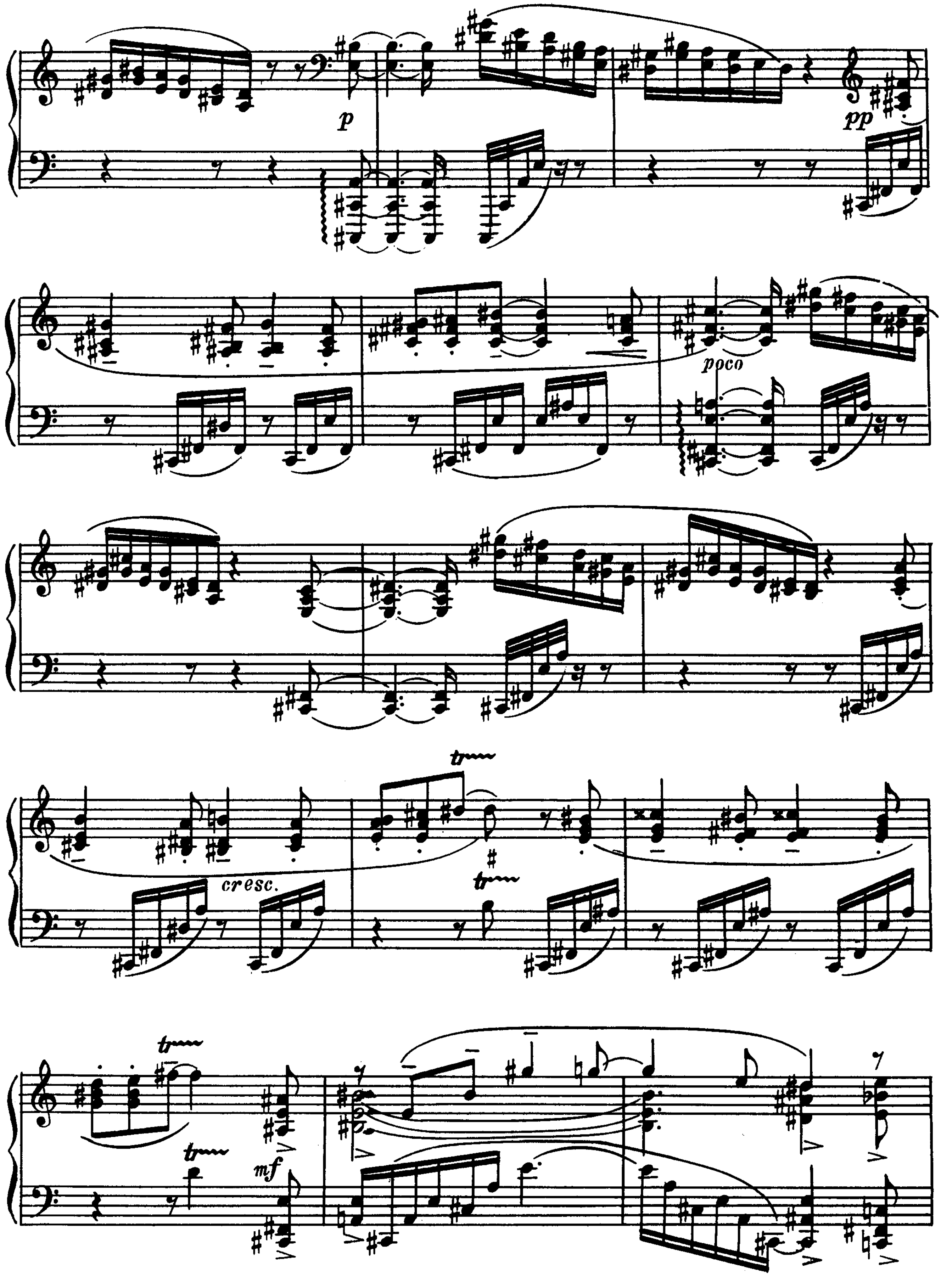

cresc.
Ped.
en délire
f
ff
sf
p
accel.
pp
dim.
smorz.

Sonata No. 8, Op. 66

Lento

poco cresc.
poco
mf
dim.
pp
p
poco
mf
poco


m.s.
dim.
m.s.
poco a poco
pp
Allegro agitato
pp
Ped.
Ped.
poco cresc.

p
poco cresc.
poco cresc.
mf
cresc.
pp
pp

cresc
f joyeux
accel.
tr
Molto più vivo
p
haletant
cresc.
allargando
f
p
tr
Allegro
f
p

p
p
p
p
cresc
f
m.s.


p
f dim.
p
Tragique
f dim.
m.d.


tr
pp
8
mf

dim.

poco
cresc.
mp
cresc.
f

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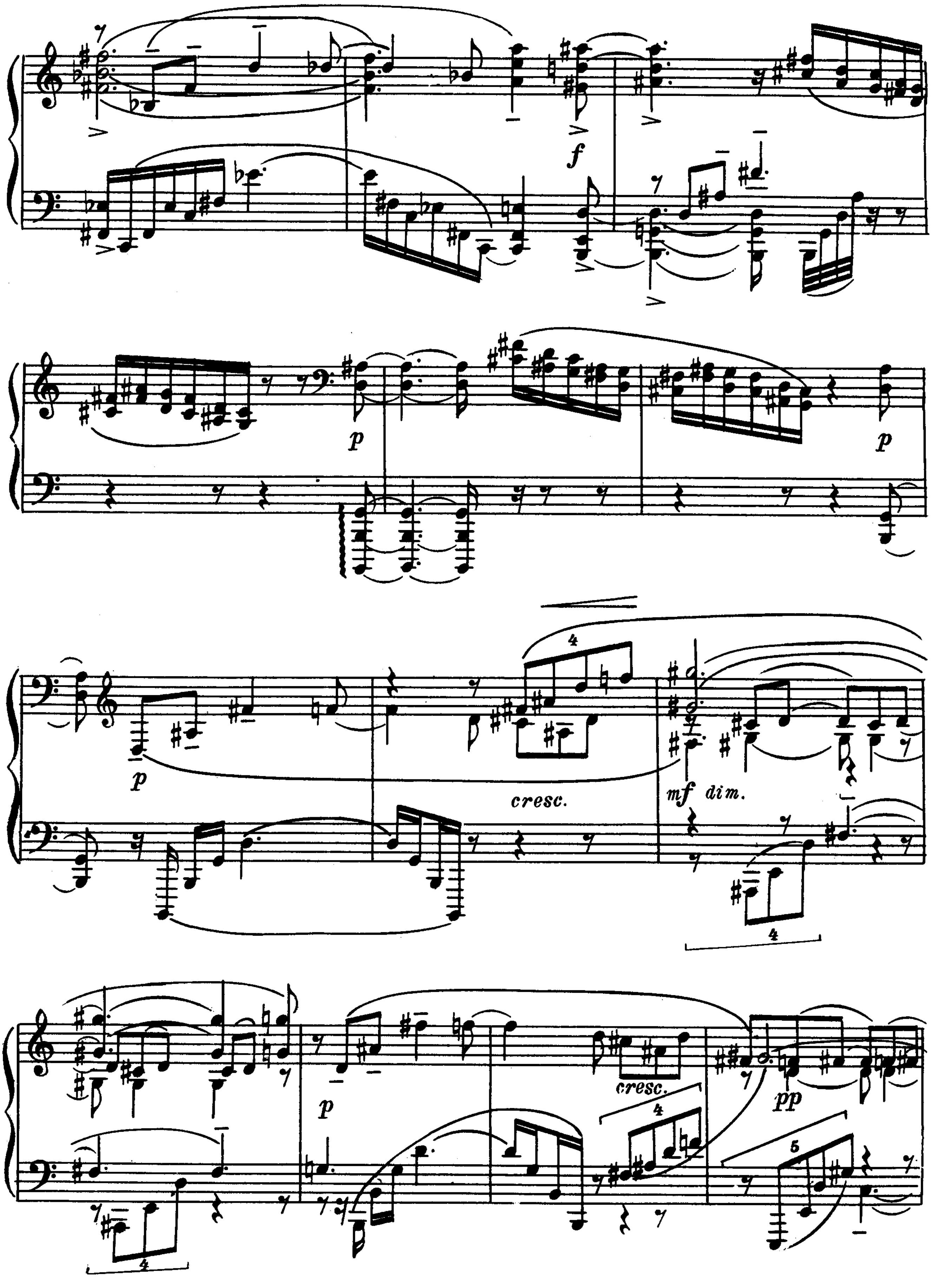
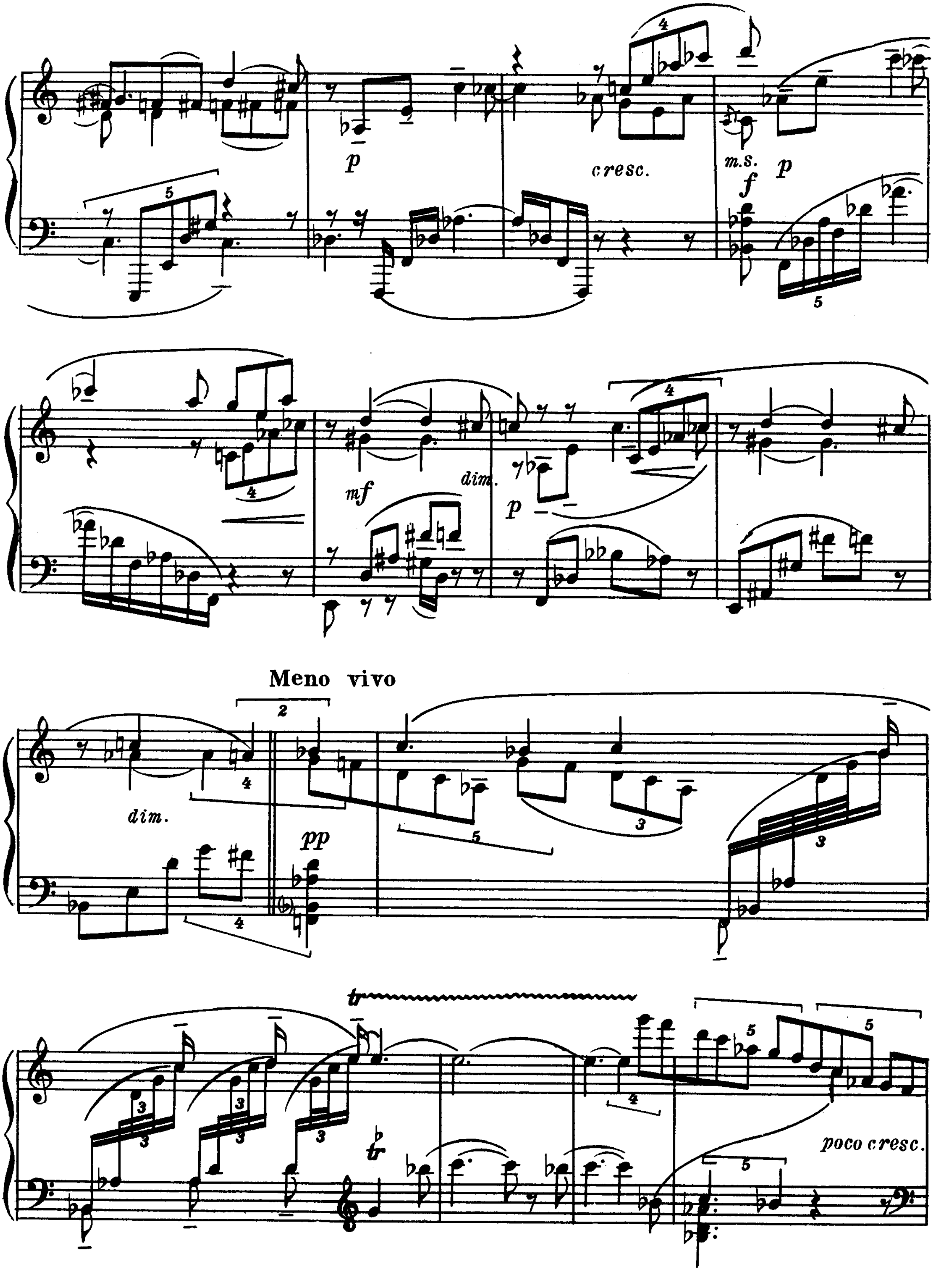
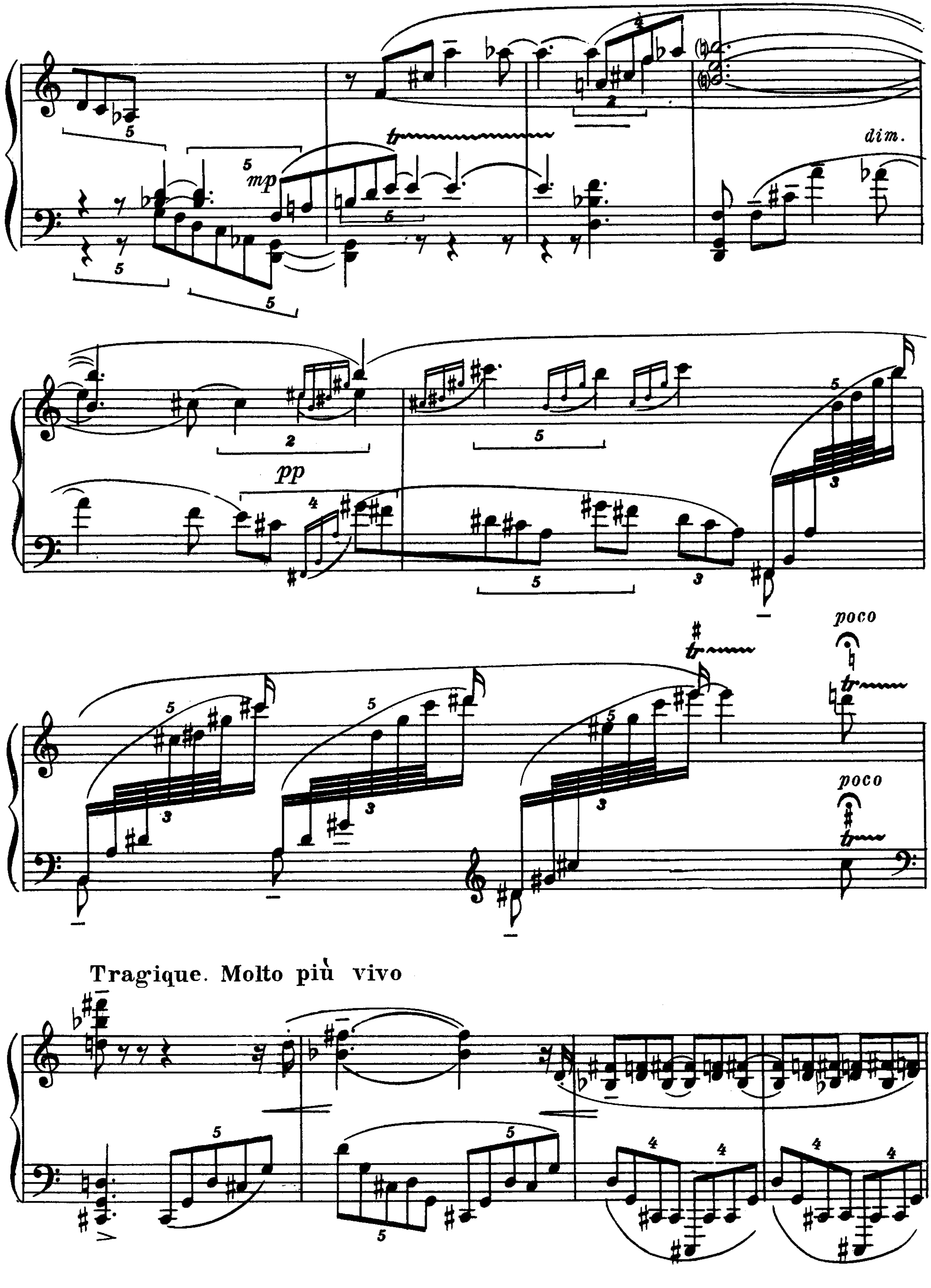
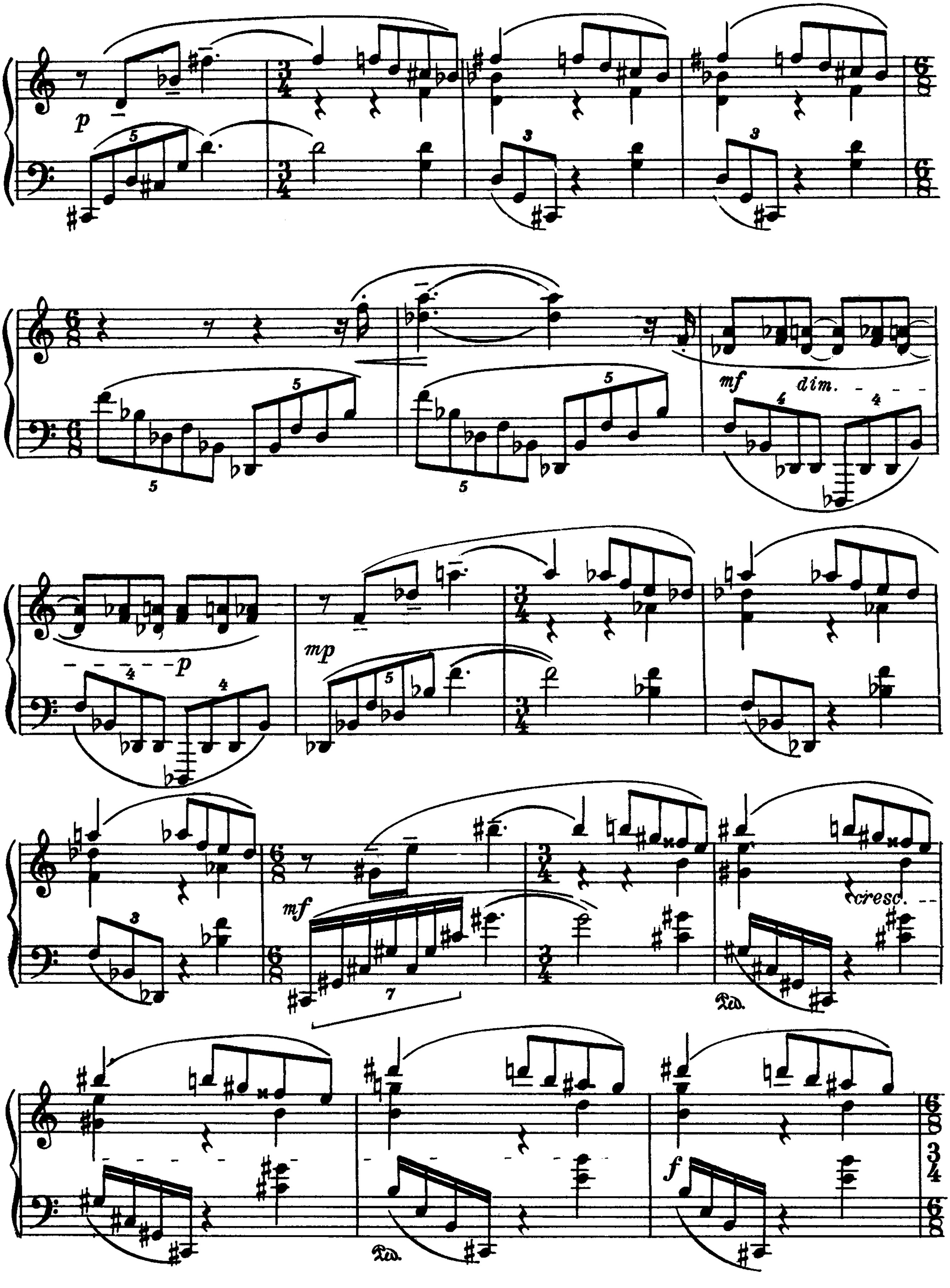
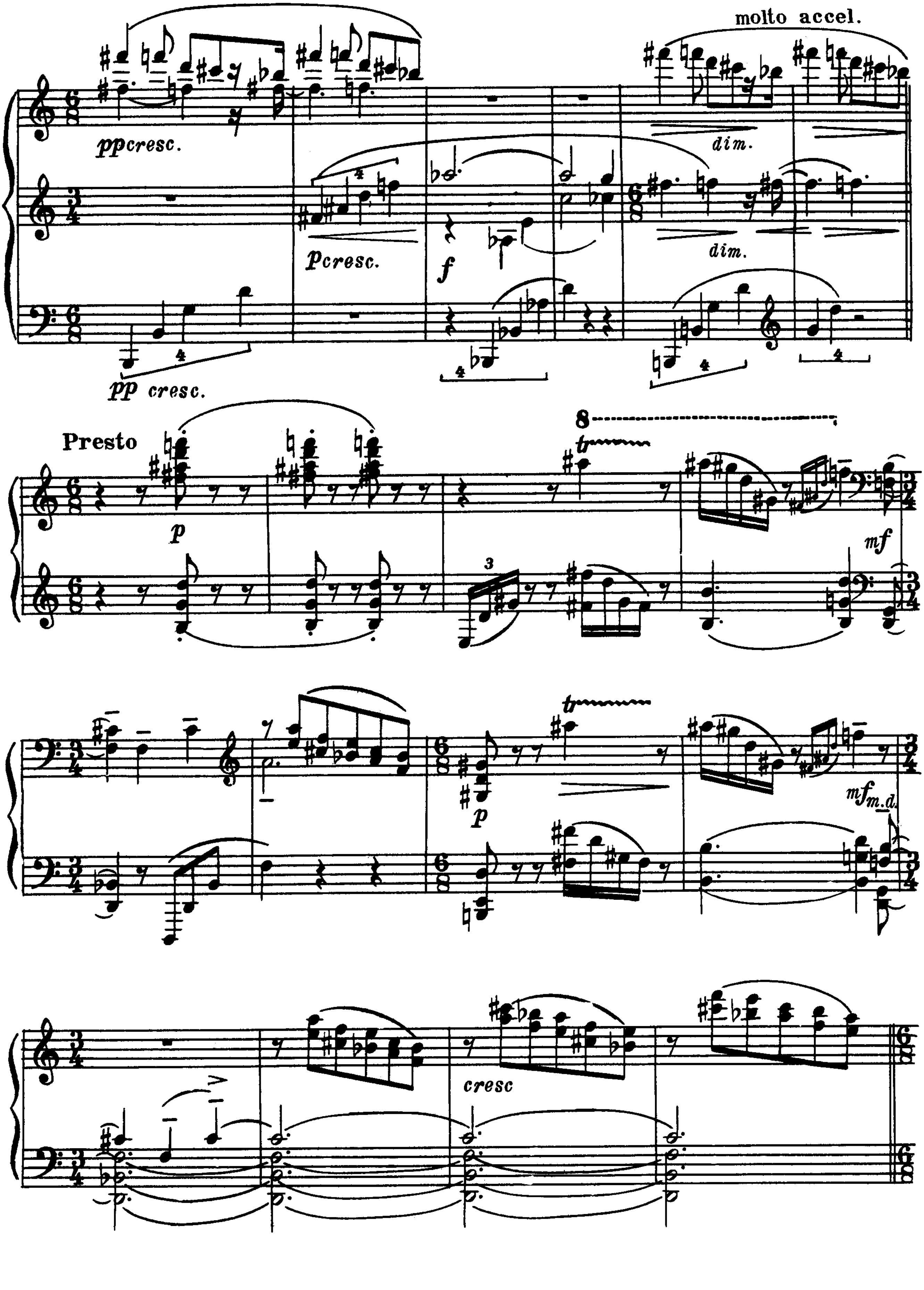
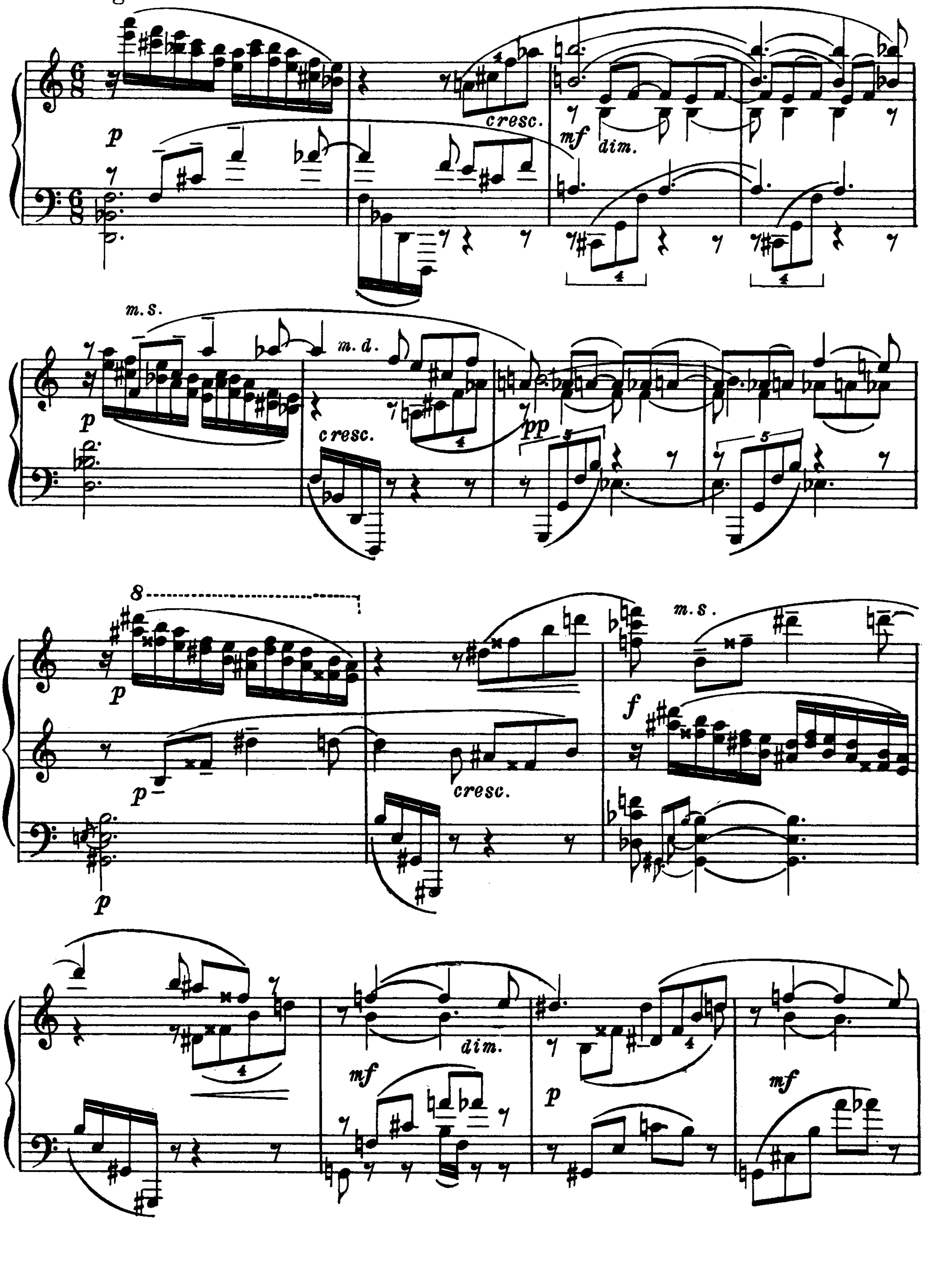
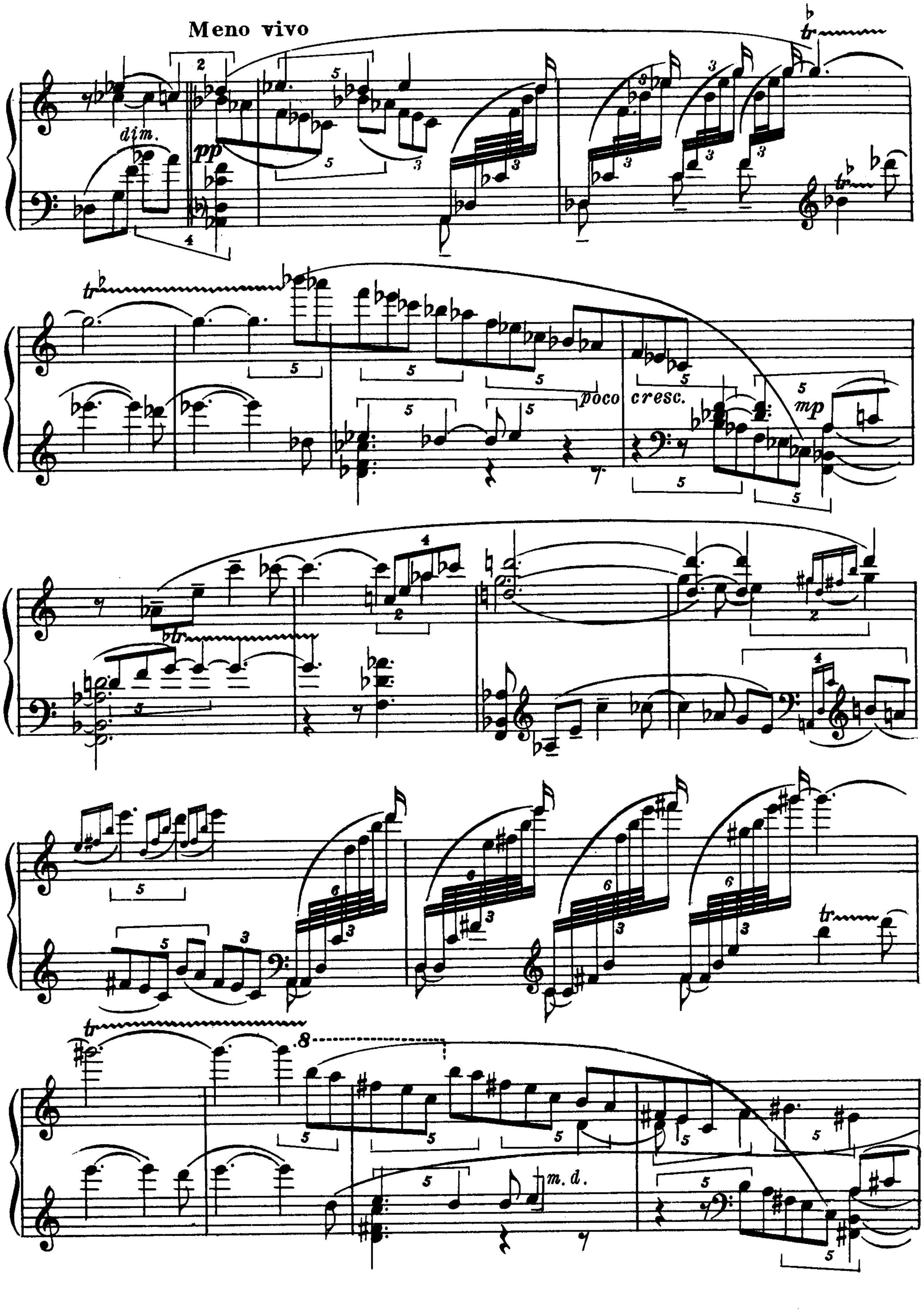
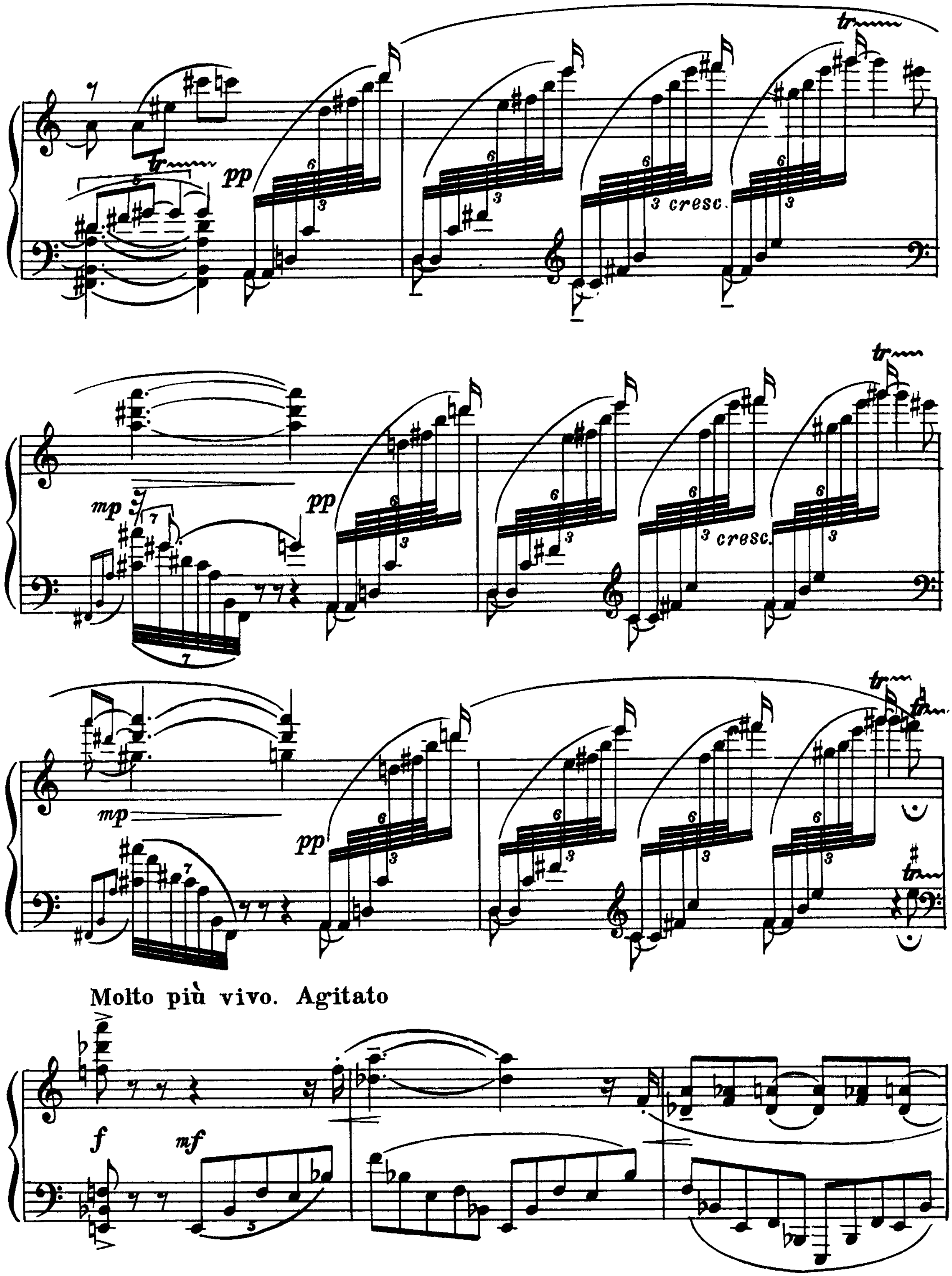
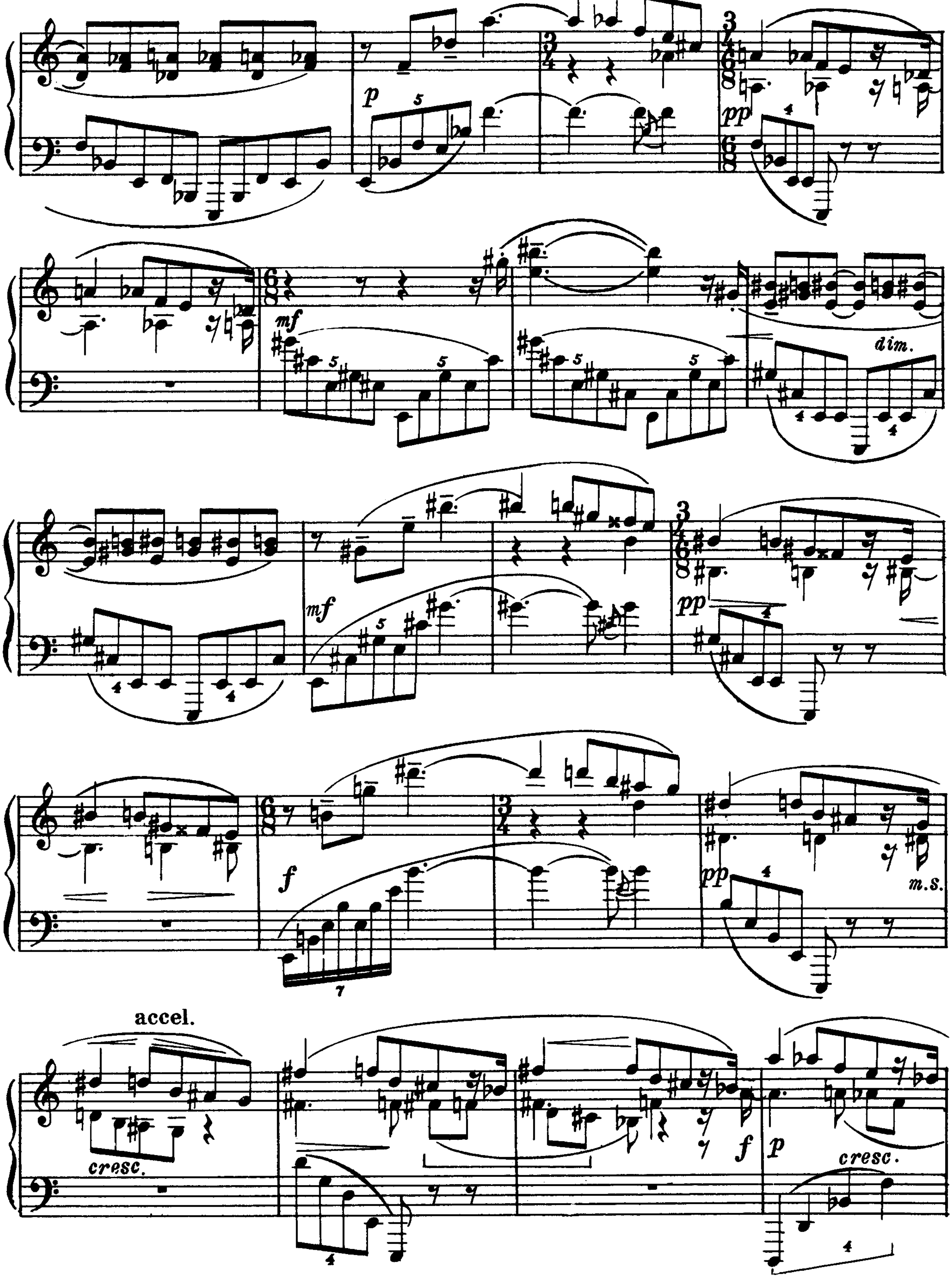
poco
tr
cresc.
tr
tr
tr
mf

f
p
p
p
cresc.
mf dim.
p
cresc.
pp



cresc.
m.s.
dim.
Meno vivo
dim.
poco cresc.

mp
dim.
pp
poco
poco
Tragique. Molto più vivo

p
mf
dim.
p
mp
mf
cresc.
f

molto accel.
pp cresc.
dim.
p cresc.
f
dim.
pp cresc.
Presto
p
mf
p
mf m.d.
cresc

Allegro

Meno vivo
dim.
pp
poco cresc.
mp
m. d.



tr
pp
cresc.
mp
Molto più vivo. Agitato
f
mf

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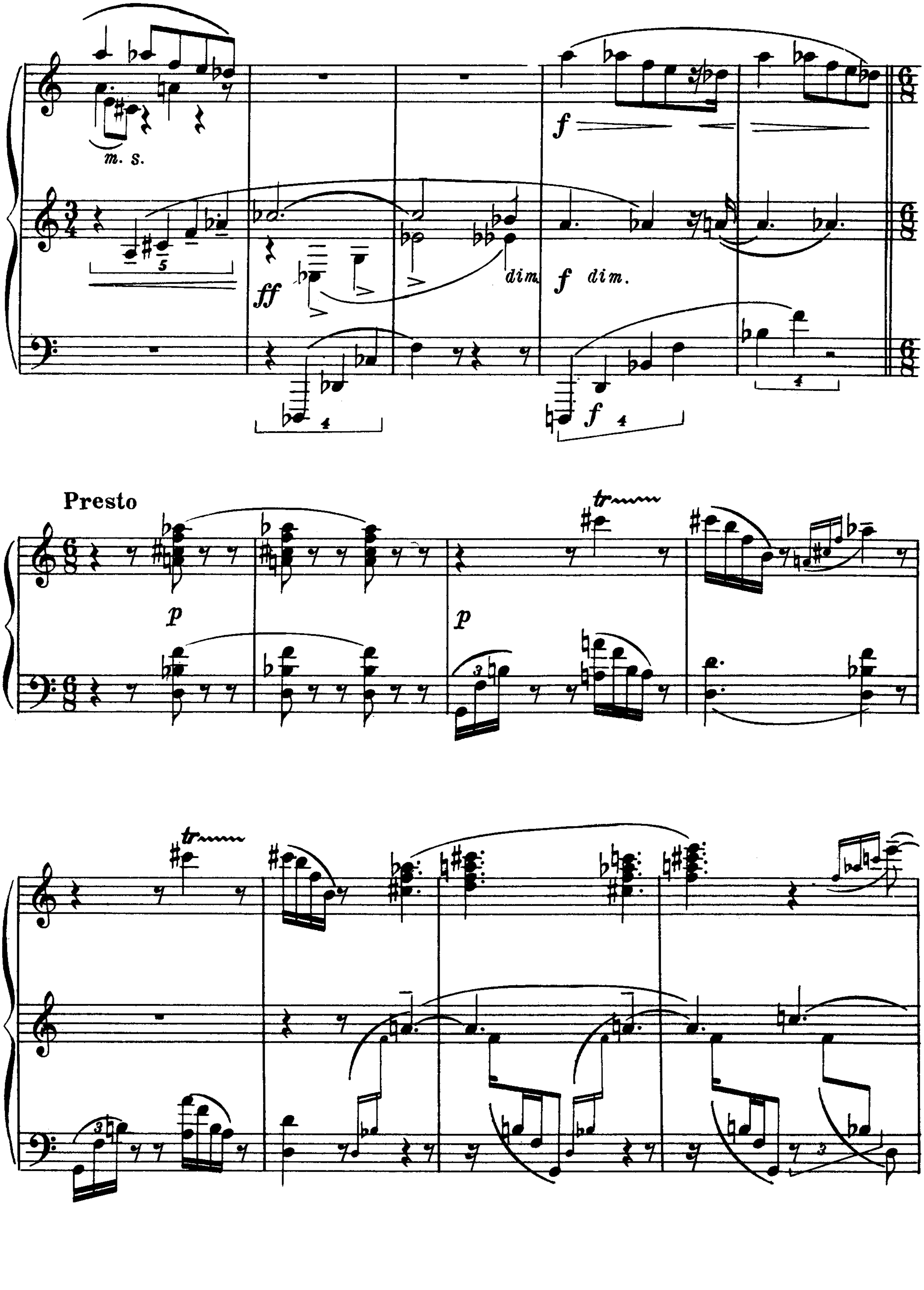
mf
dim.
mf
pp
f
pp
m.s.
accel.
cresc.
f
p
cresc.

m. s.
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dim.
f dim.
Presto
p
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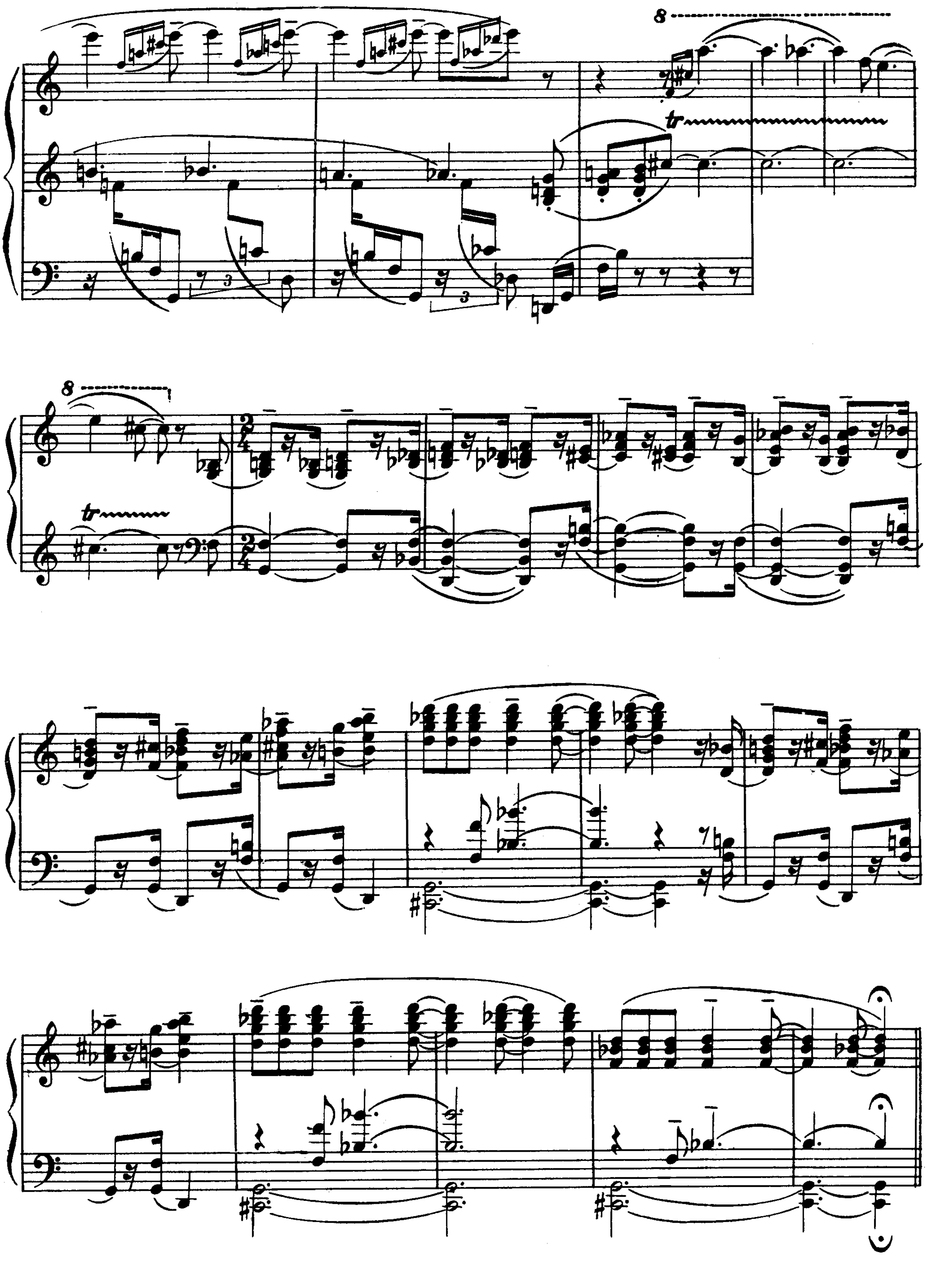
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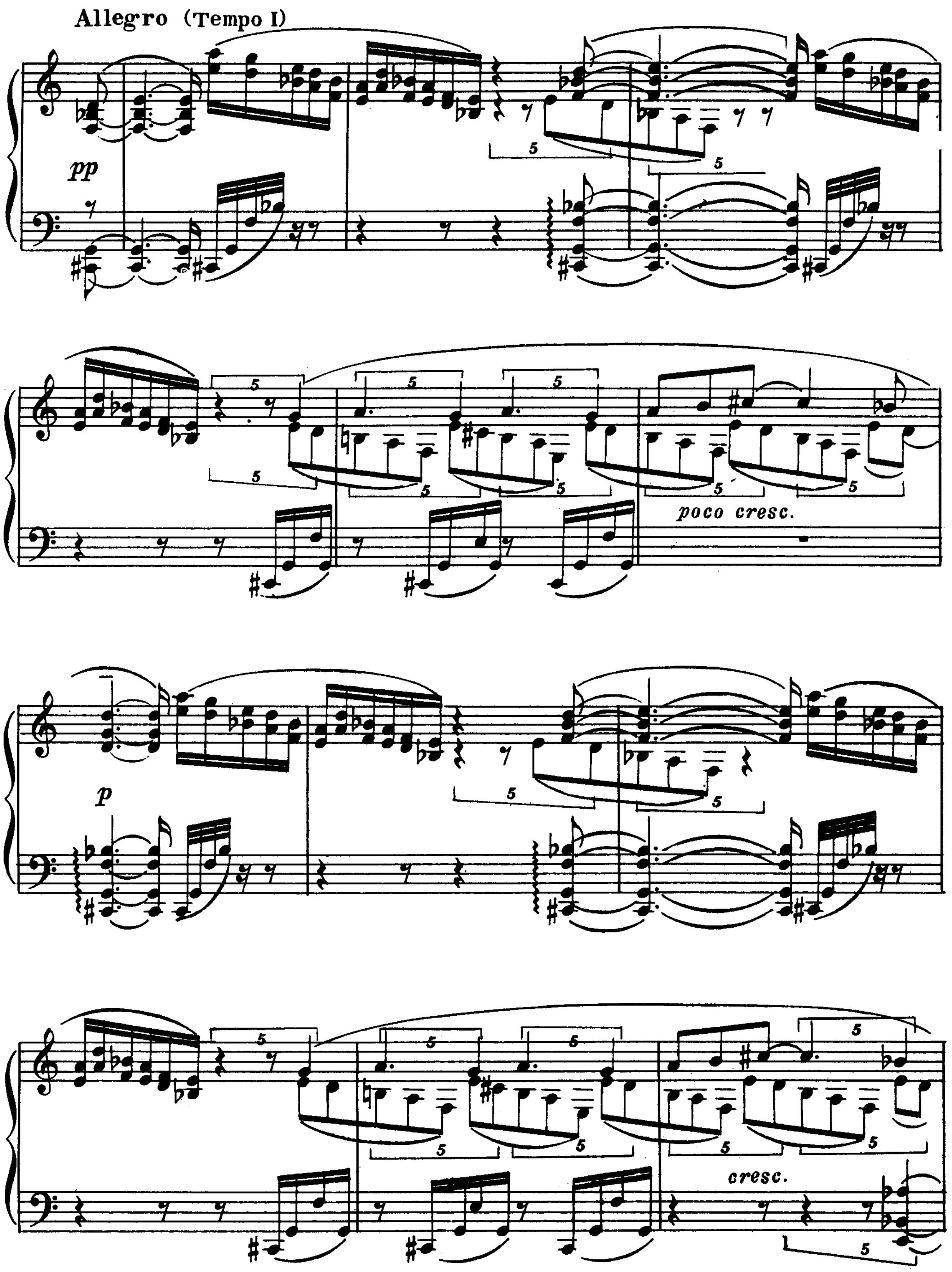
Allegro (Tempo I)
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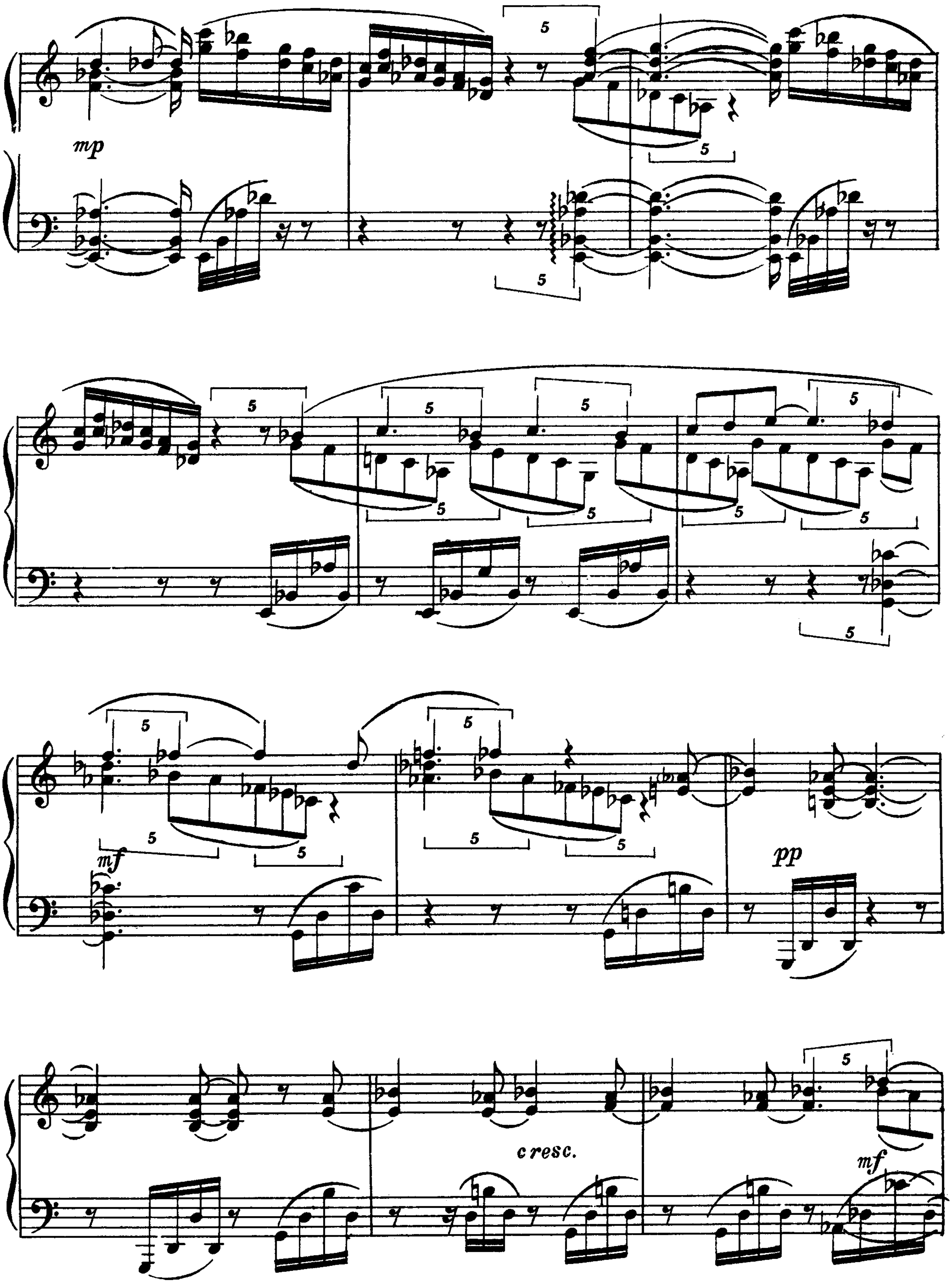
poco cresc.
p
cresc.

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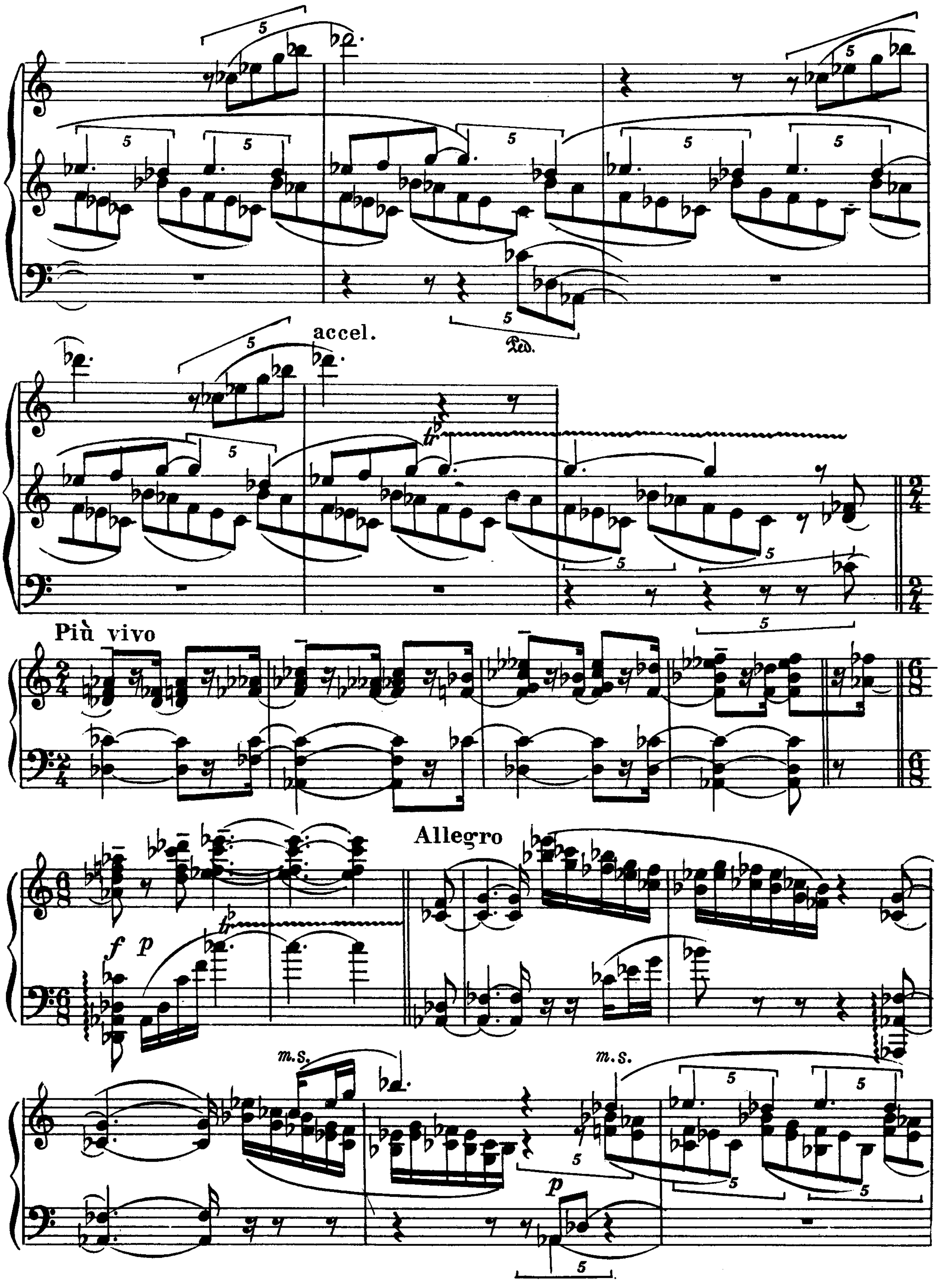
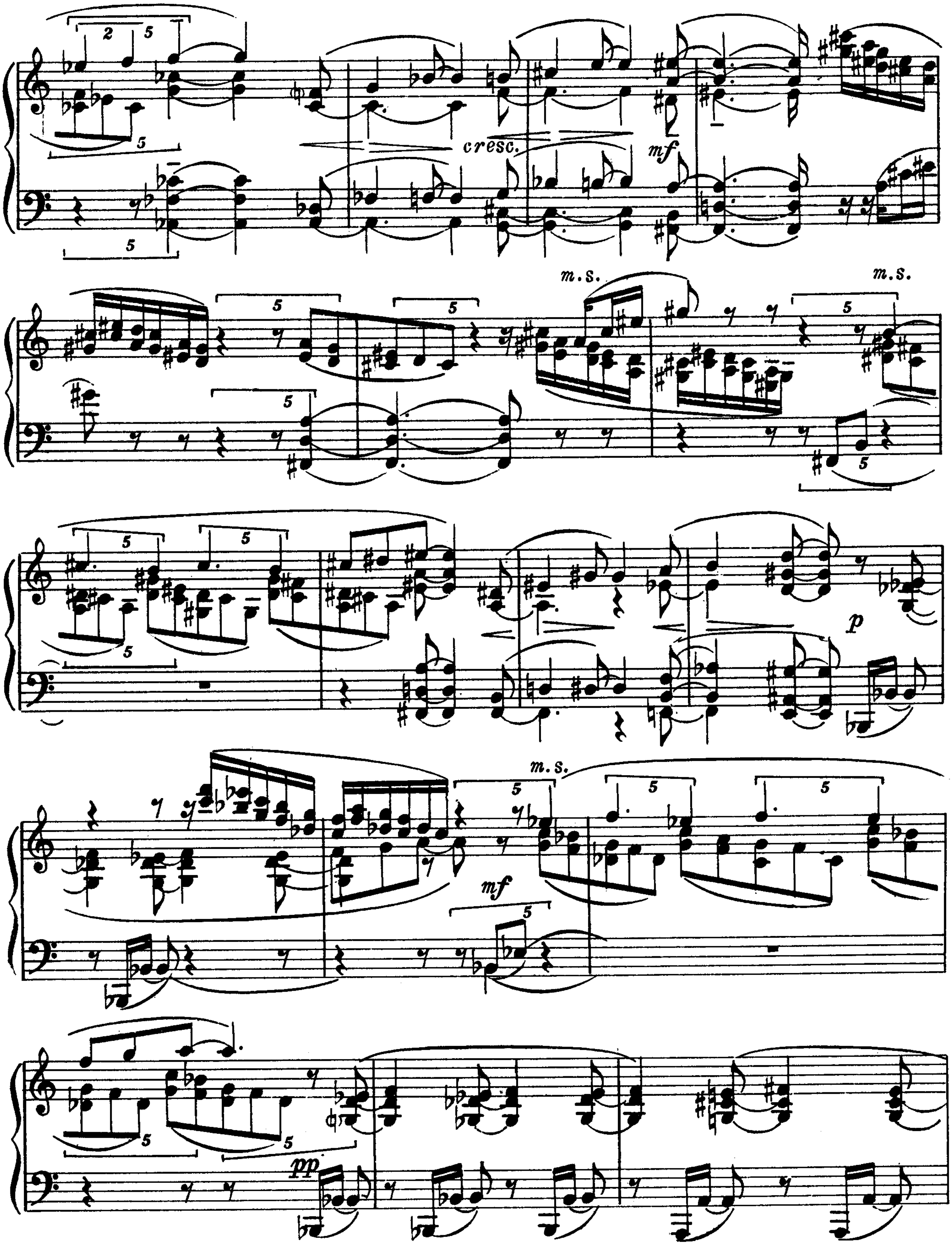
mf
pp
cresc.
mf

accel.
Più vivo
Allegro
m.s.
m.s.

cresc.
mf
m.s.
m.s.
p
m.s.
mf
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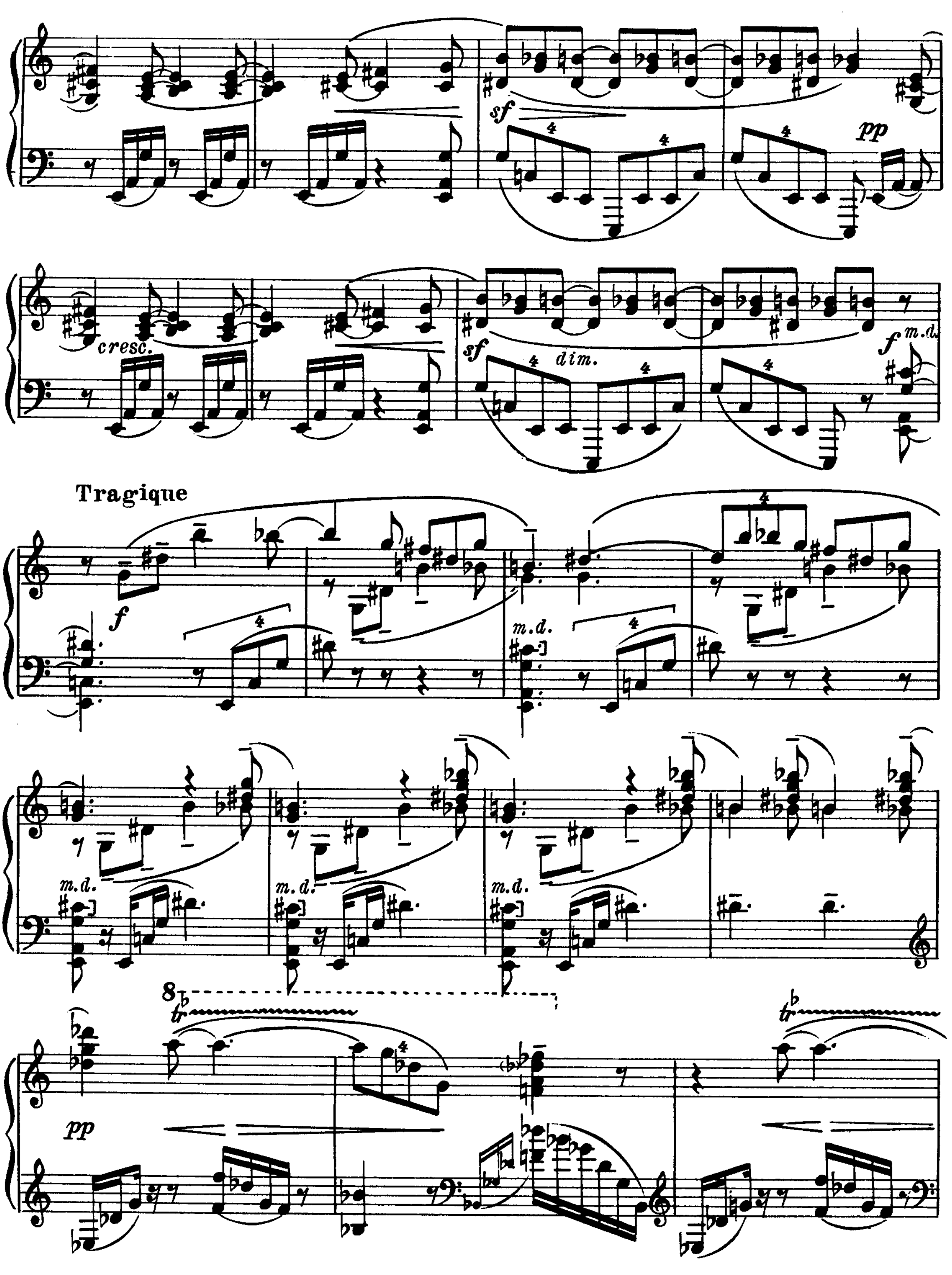
Tragique
sf
pp
cresc.
dim.
f
m.d.
tr
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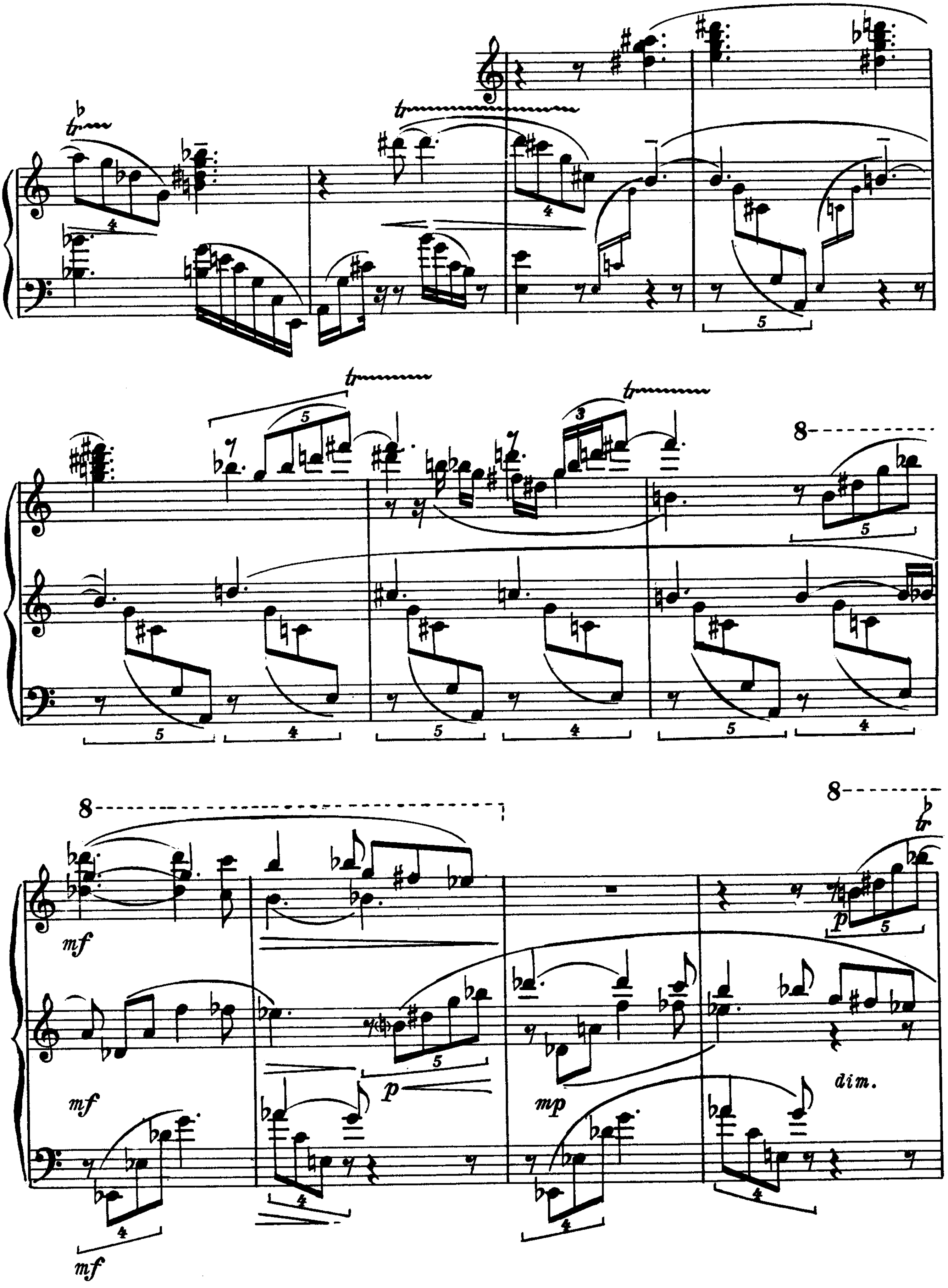
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mf
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mp
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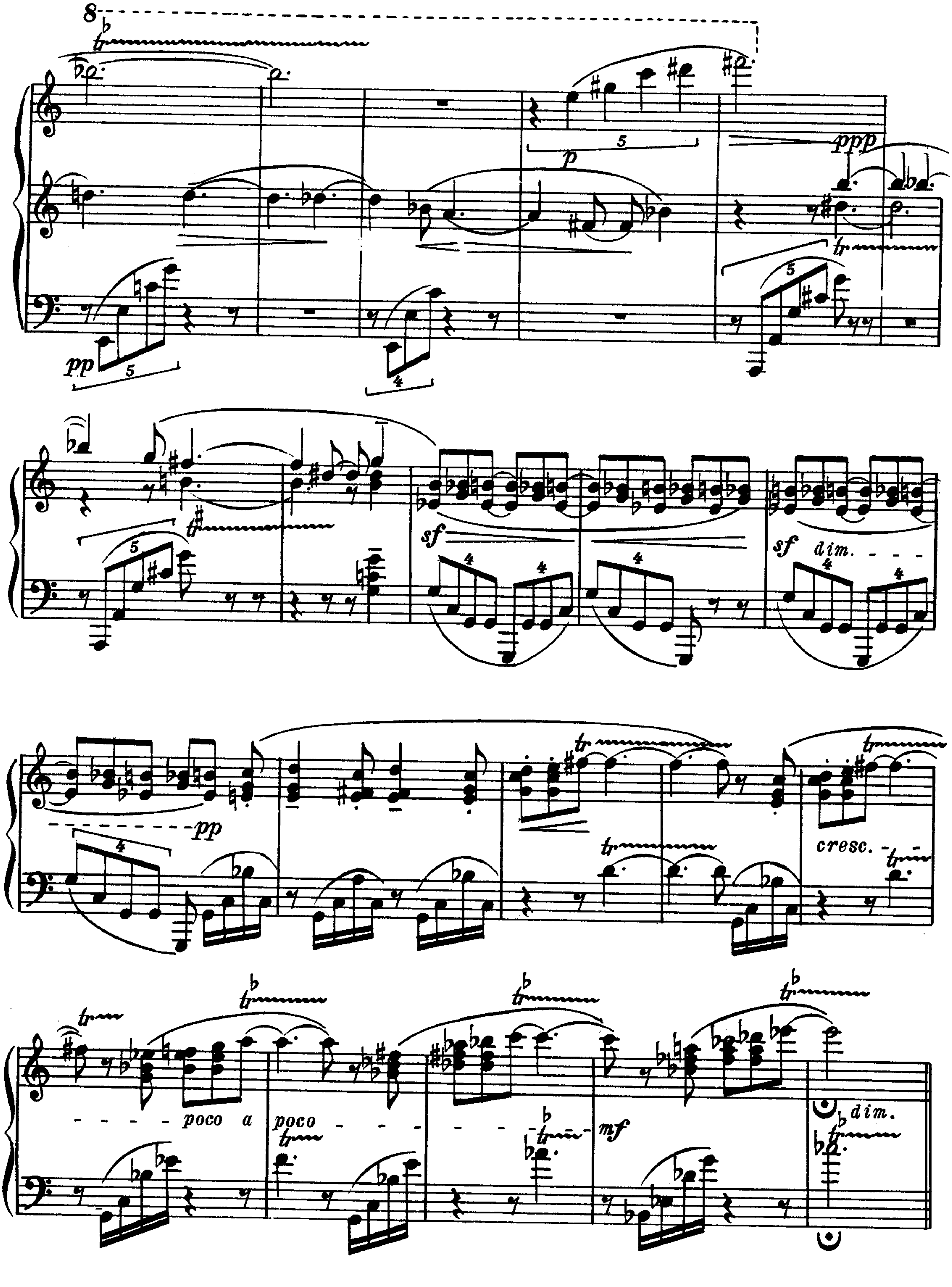
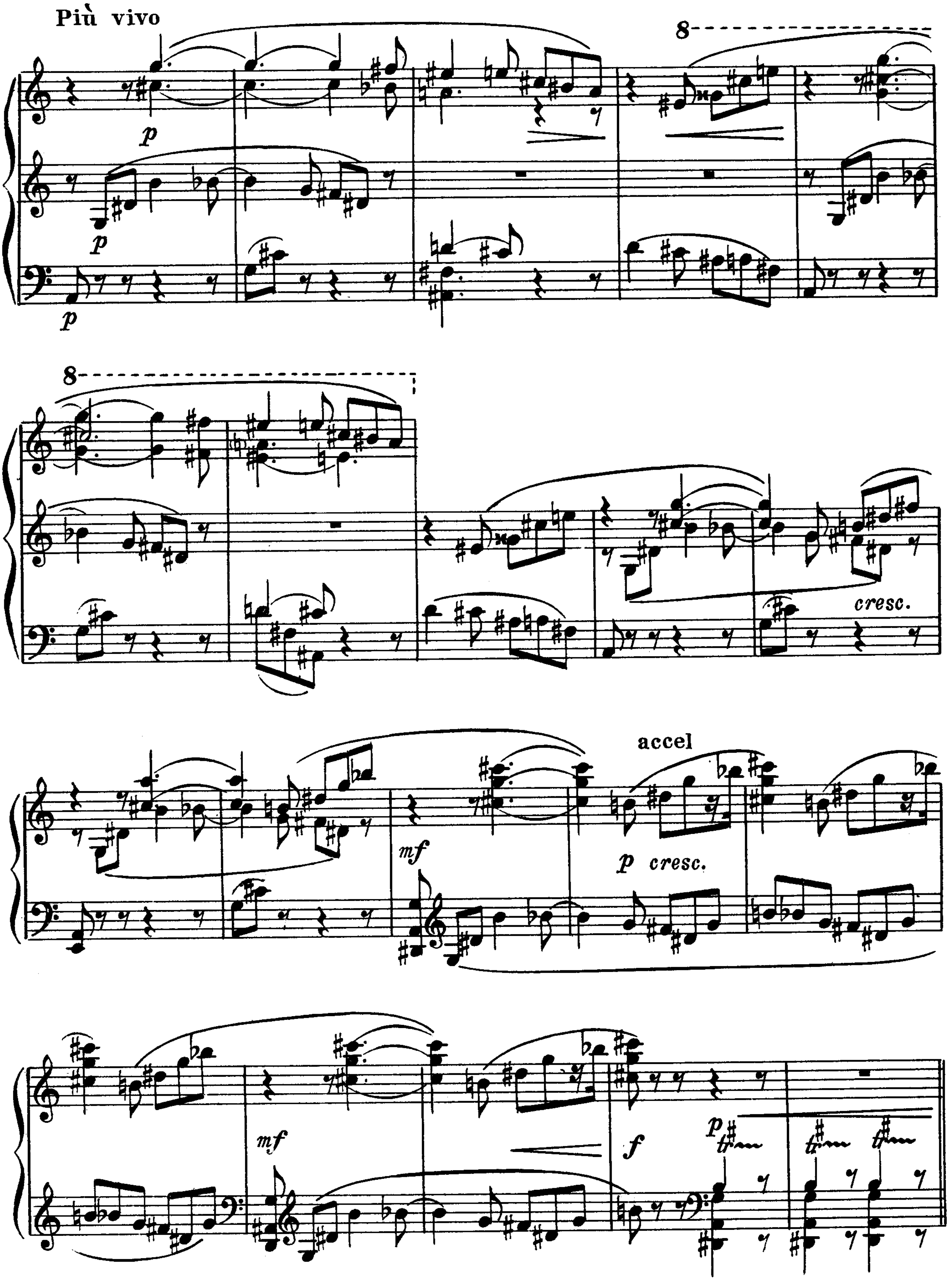

8
tr
pp
p
ppp
sf
dim.
cresc.
poco a poco
mf
dim.

Più vivo
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p
p
8
8
cresc.
accel
mf
p cresc.
mf
f
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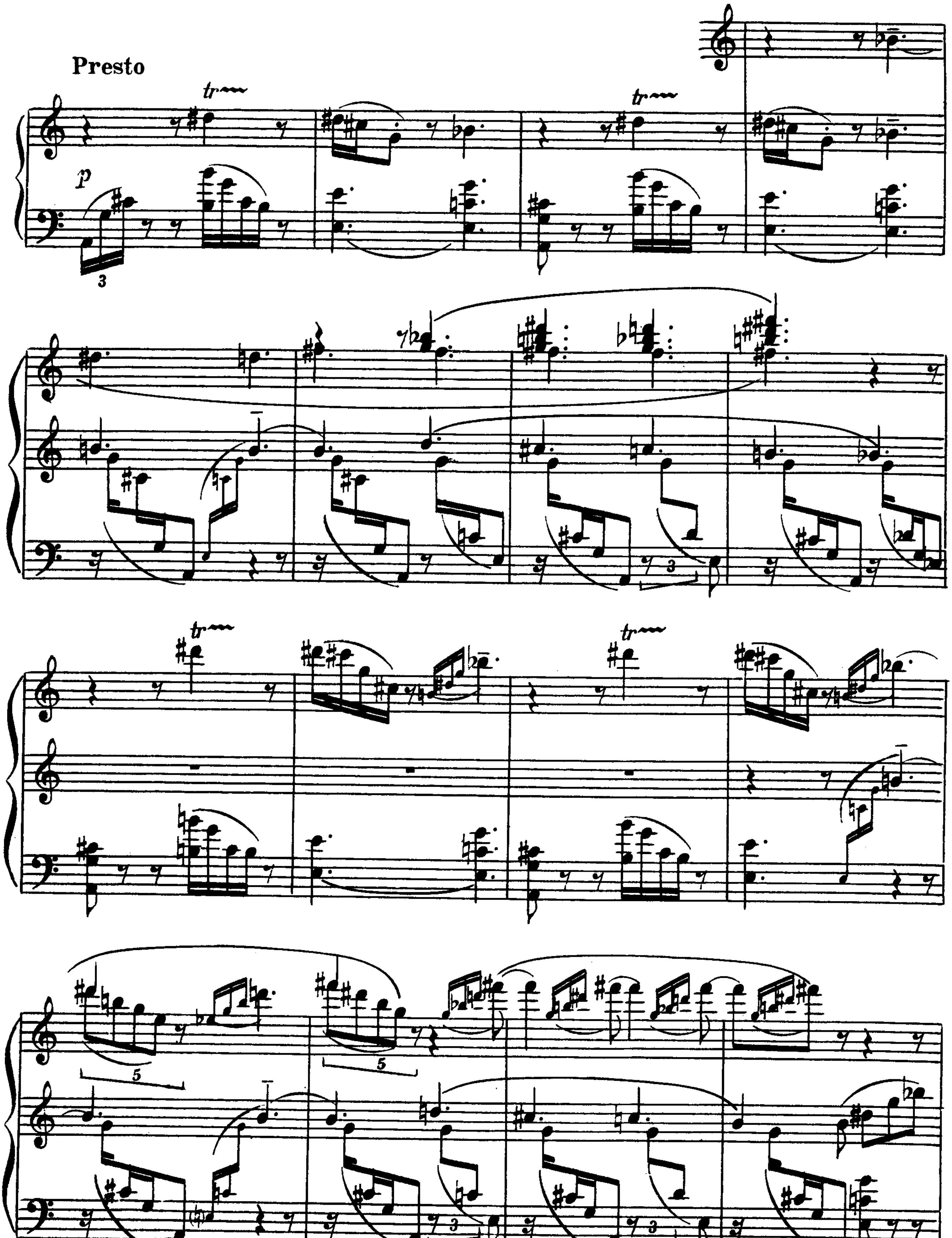
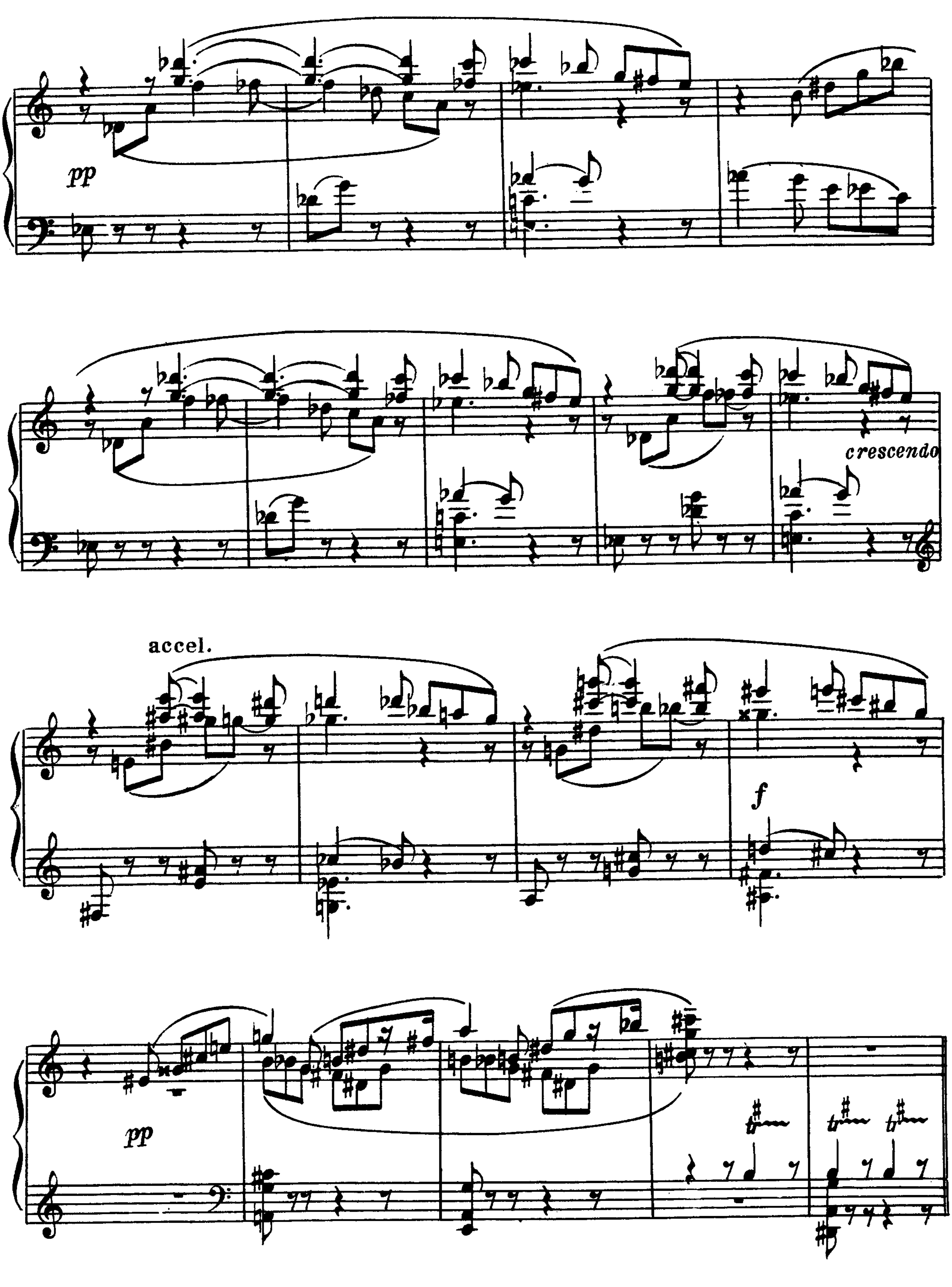
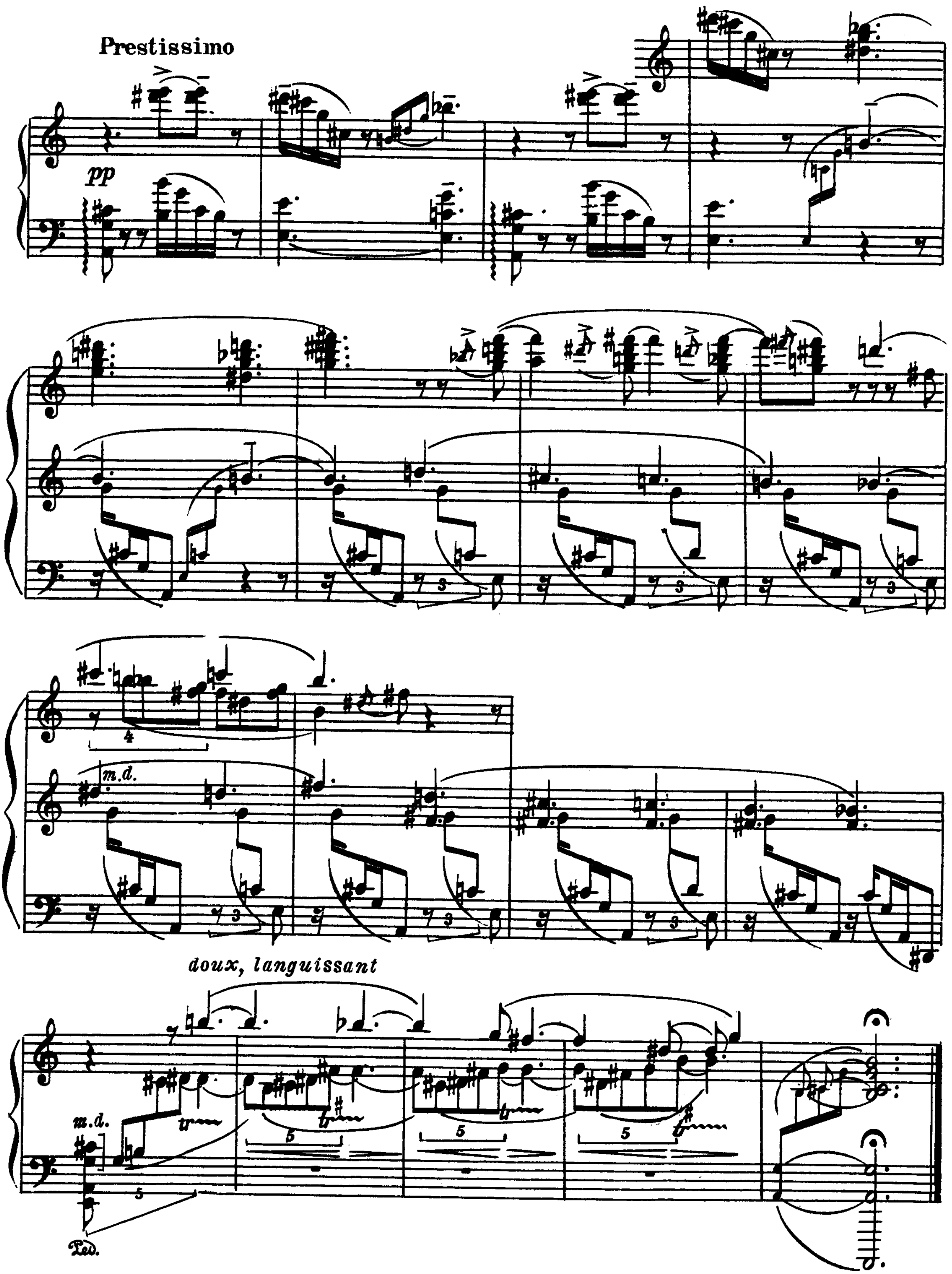
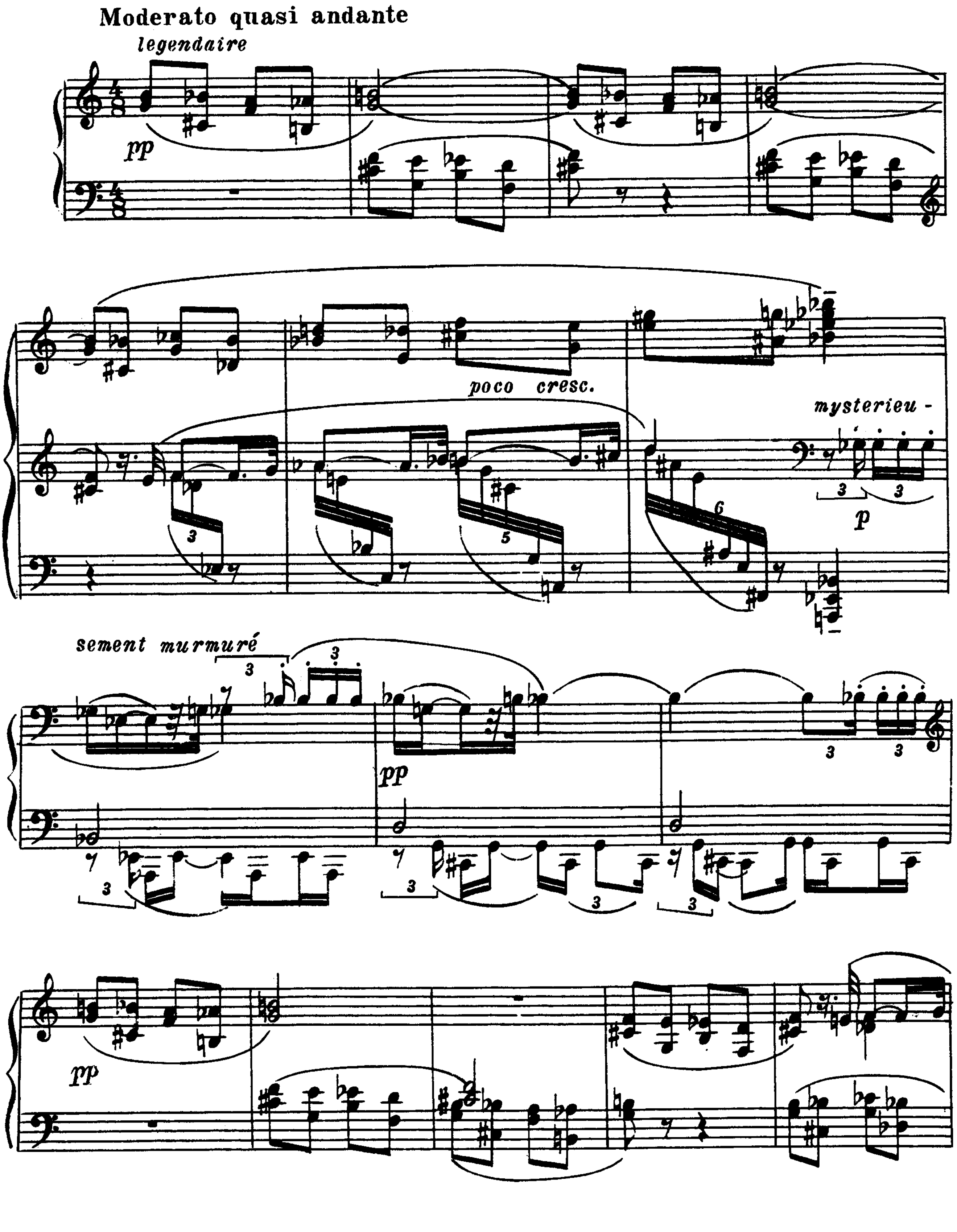
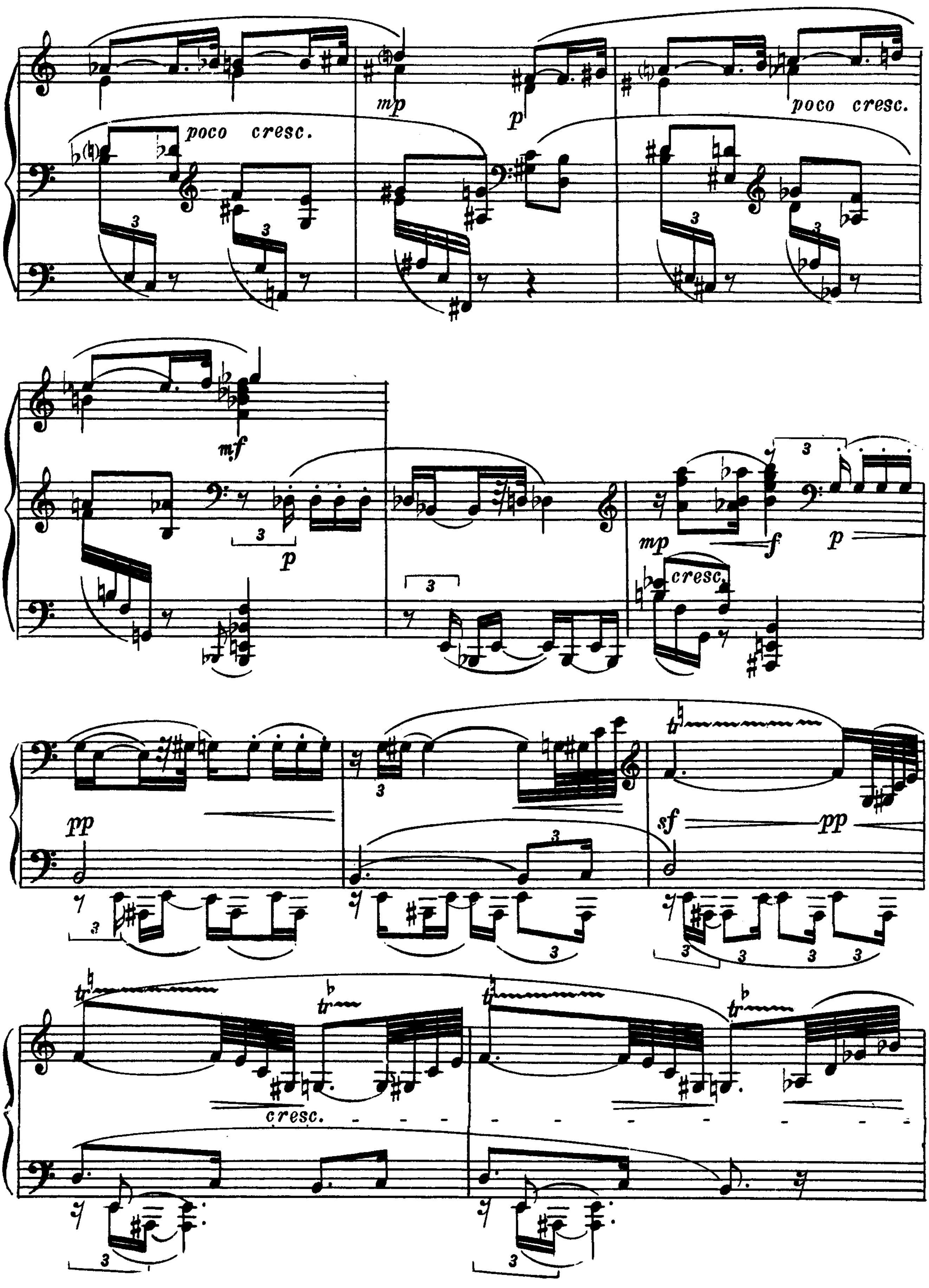
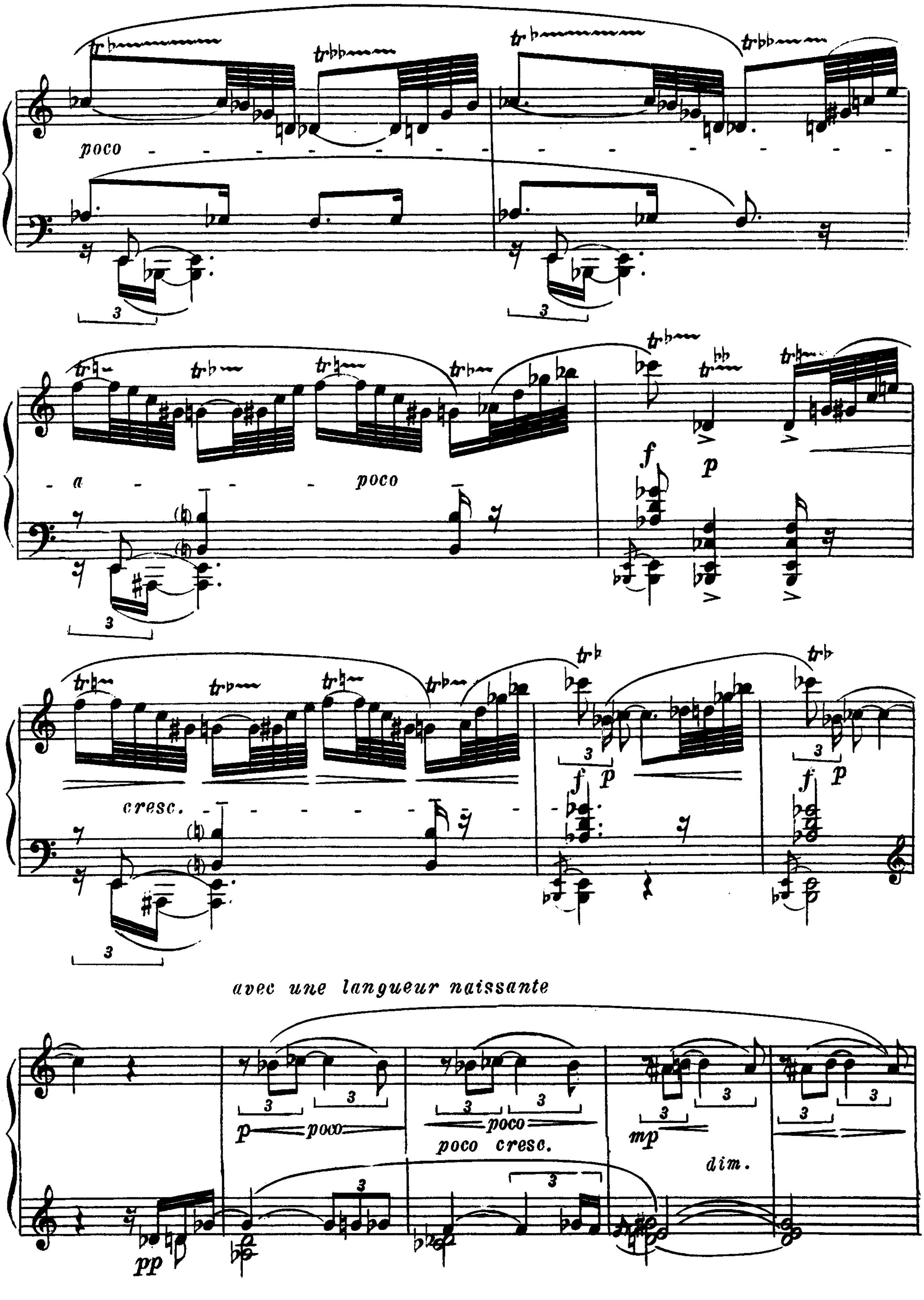
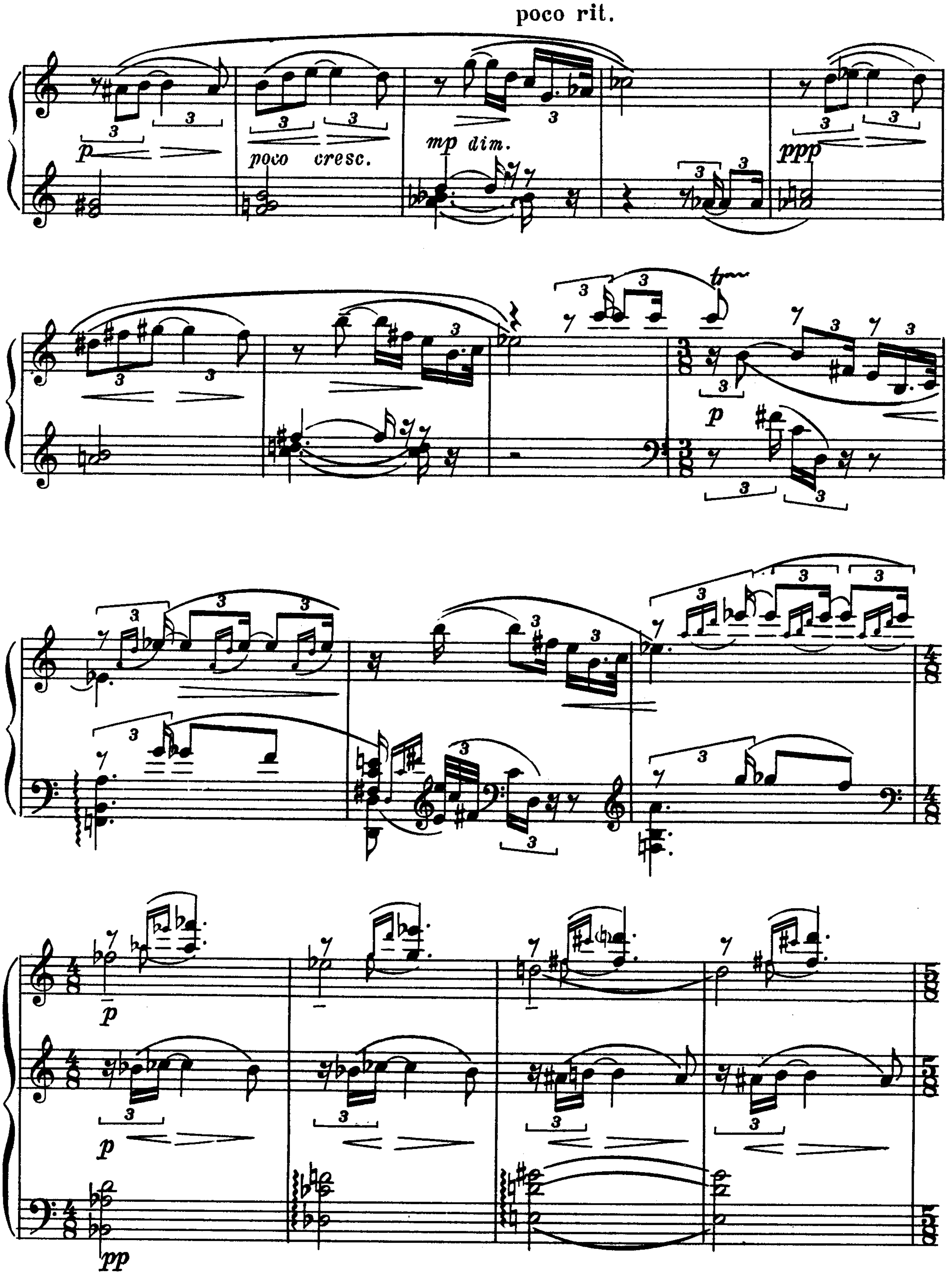
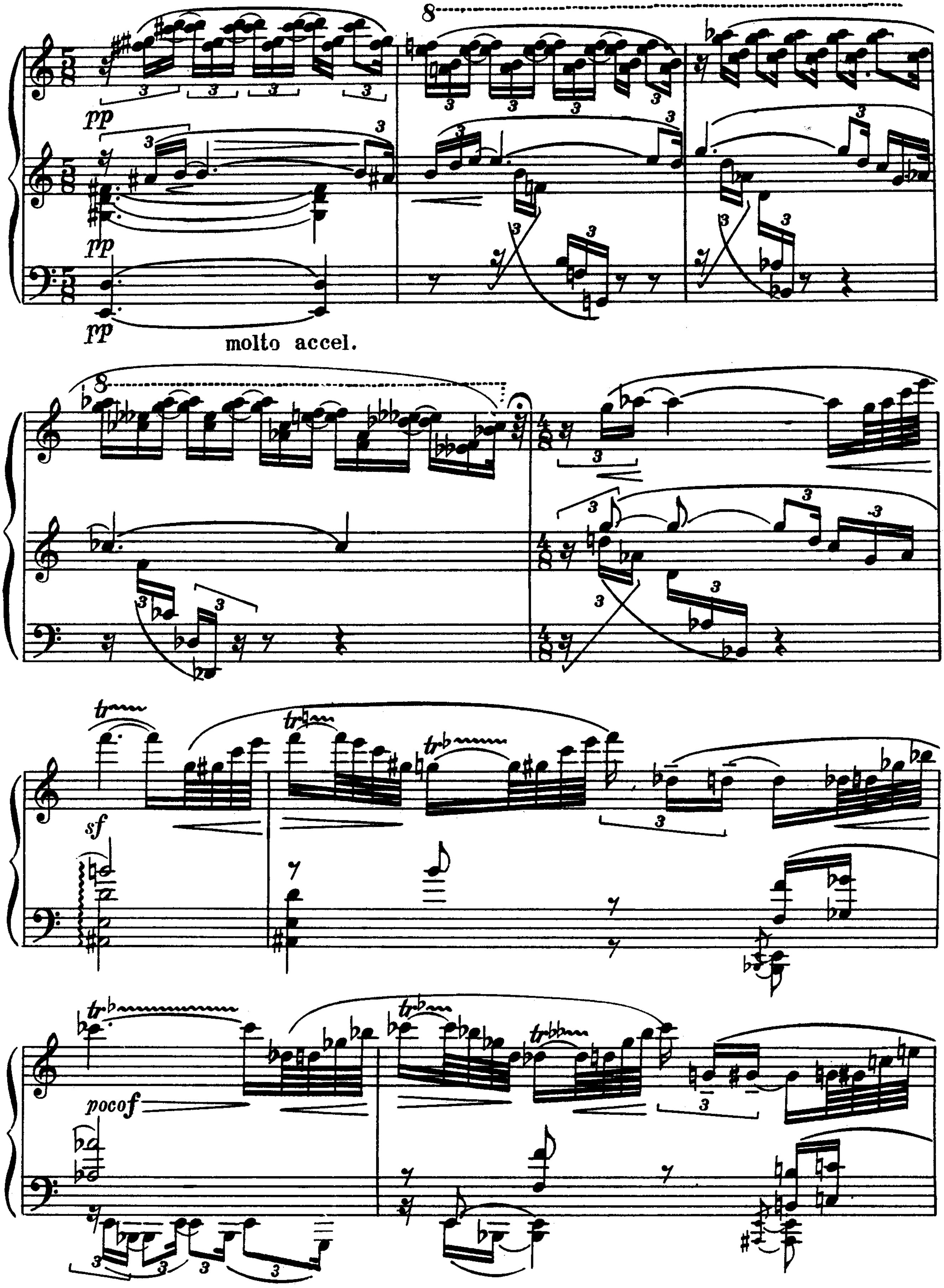
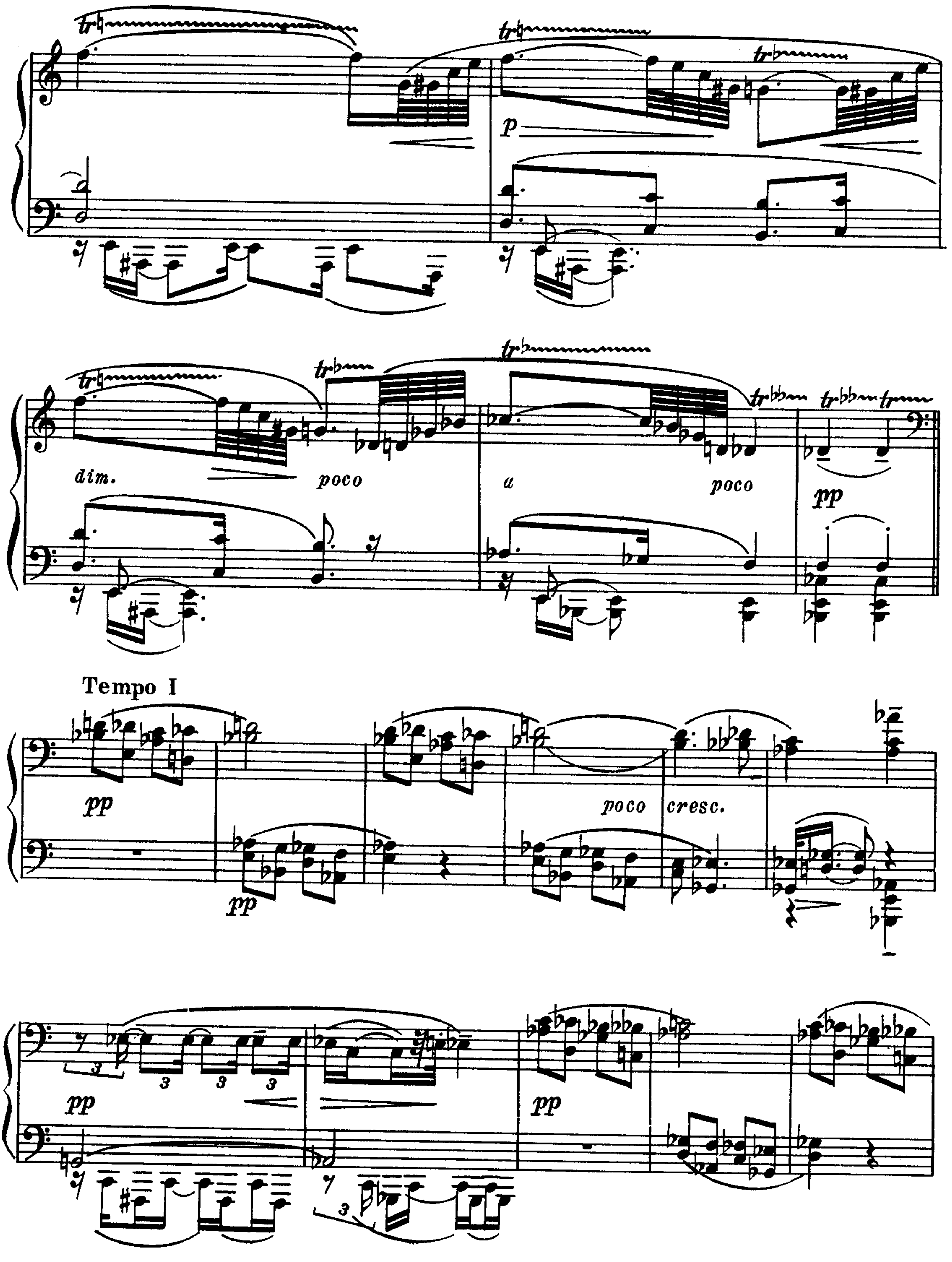

Presto
p
tr
3
5

pp
crescendo
accel.
f
pp

Prestissimo
pp
m.d.
doux, languissant
m.d.
Ped.

Sonata No. 9 ("Black Mass"), Op. 68

poco cresc.
poco cresc.
poco cresc.
cresc.
cresc.


poco
a
poco
cresc.
avec une langueur naissante
poco
poco
poco cresc.
dim.

poco rit.
poco cresc.
mp dim.
ppp

pp
pp
pp
molto accel.
sf
poco f

tr♮
tr♮
tr♭
p
tr♮
tr♭
tr♭
tr♭♭
tr♭♭
tr
dim.
poco
a
poco
pp
Tempo I
pp
pp
poco
cresc.
pp
3
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pp
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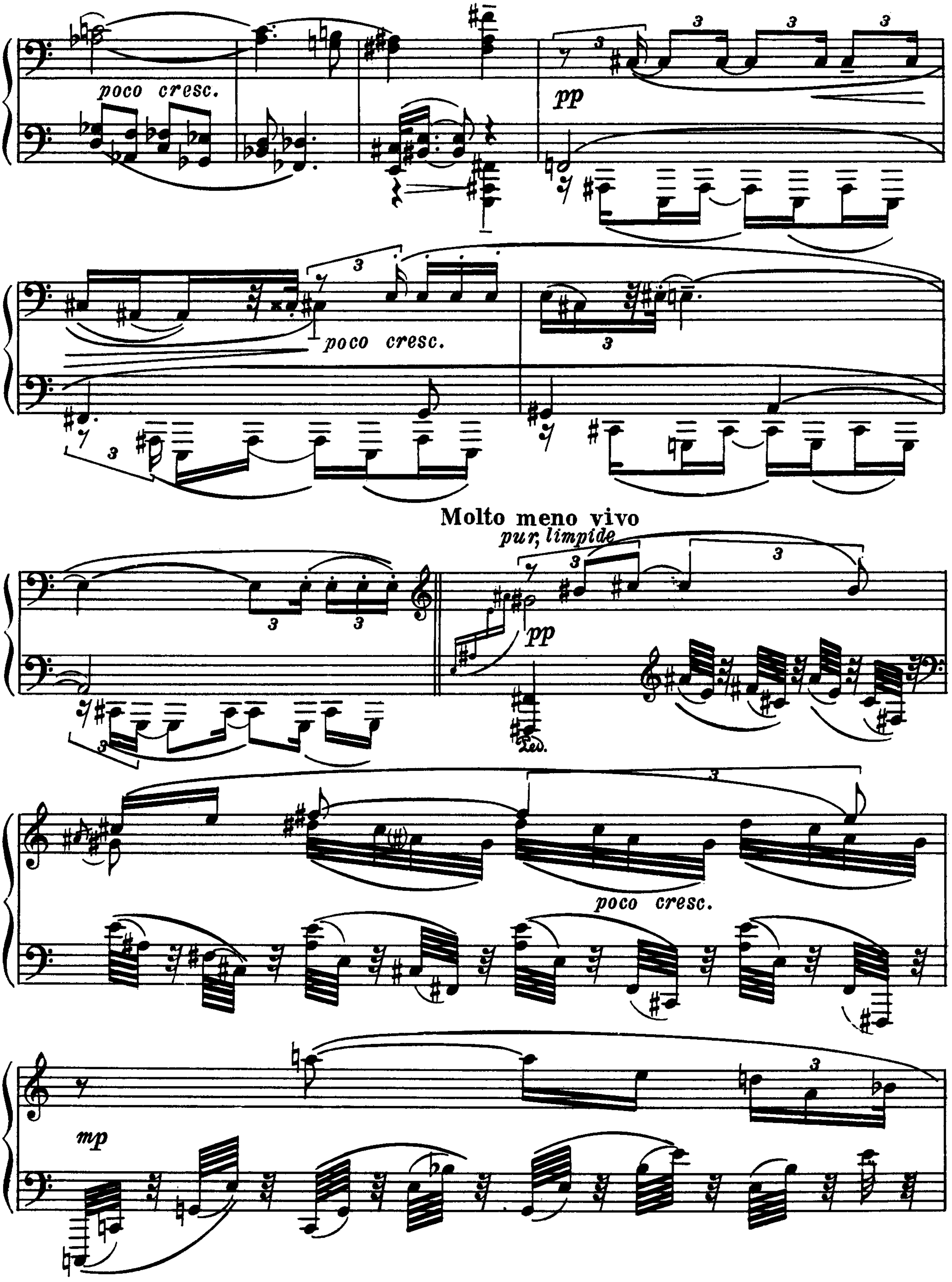
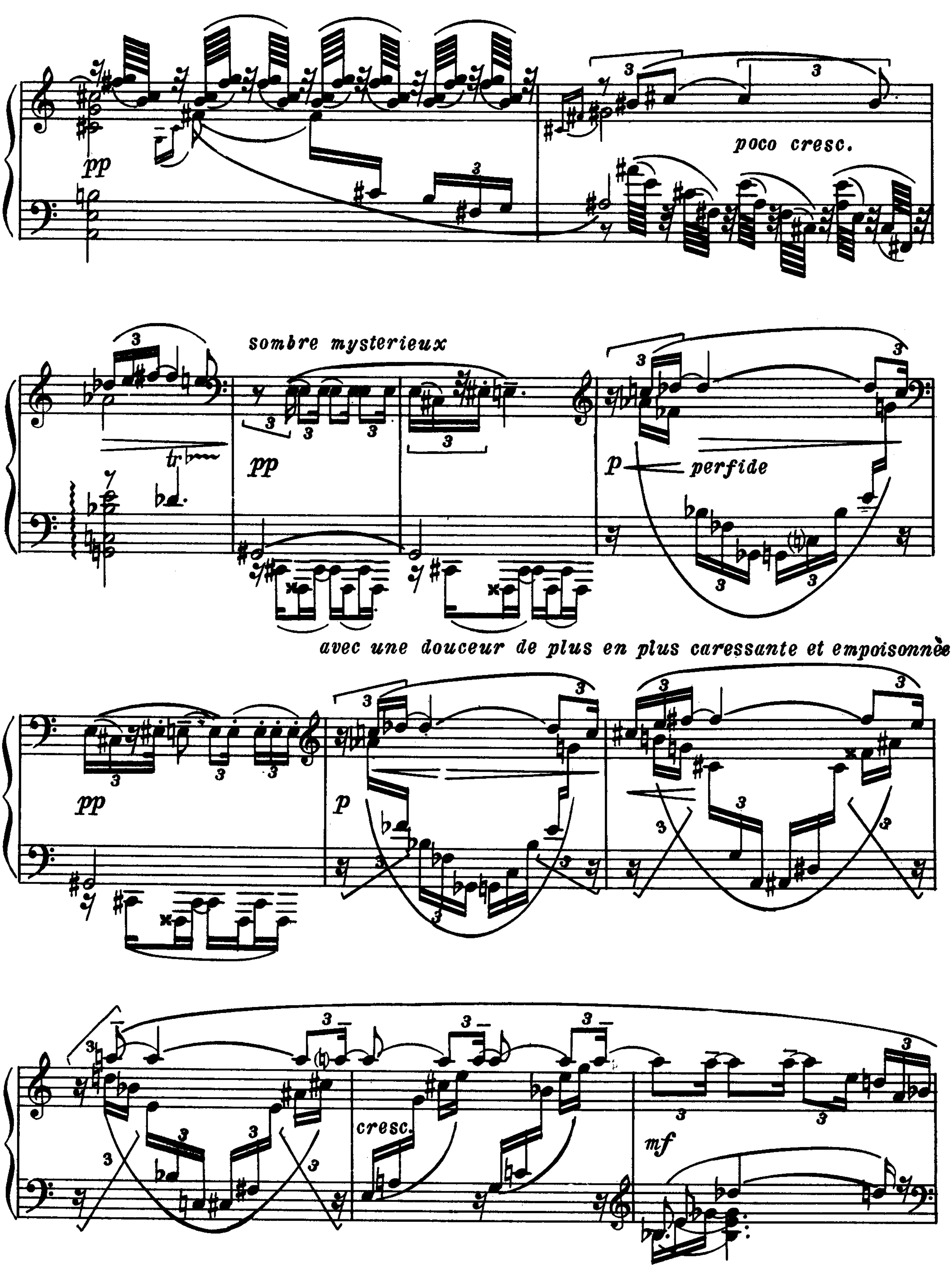
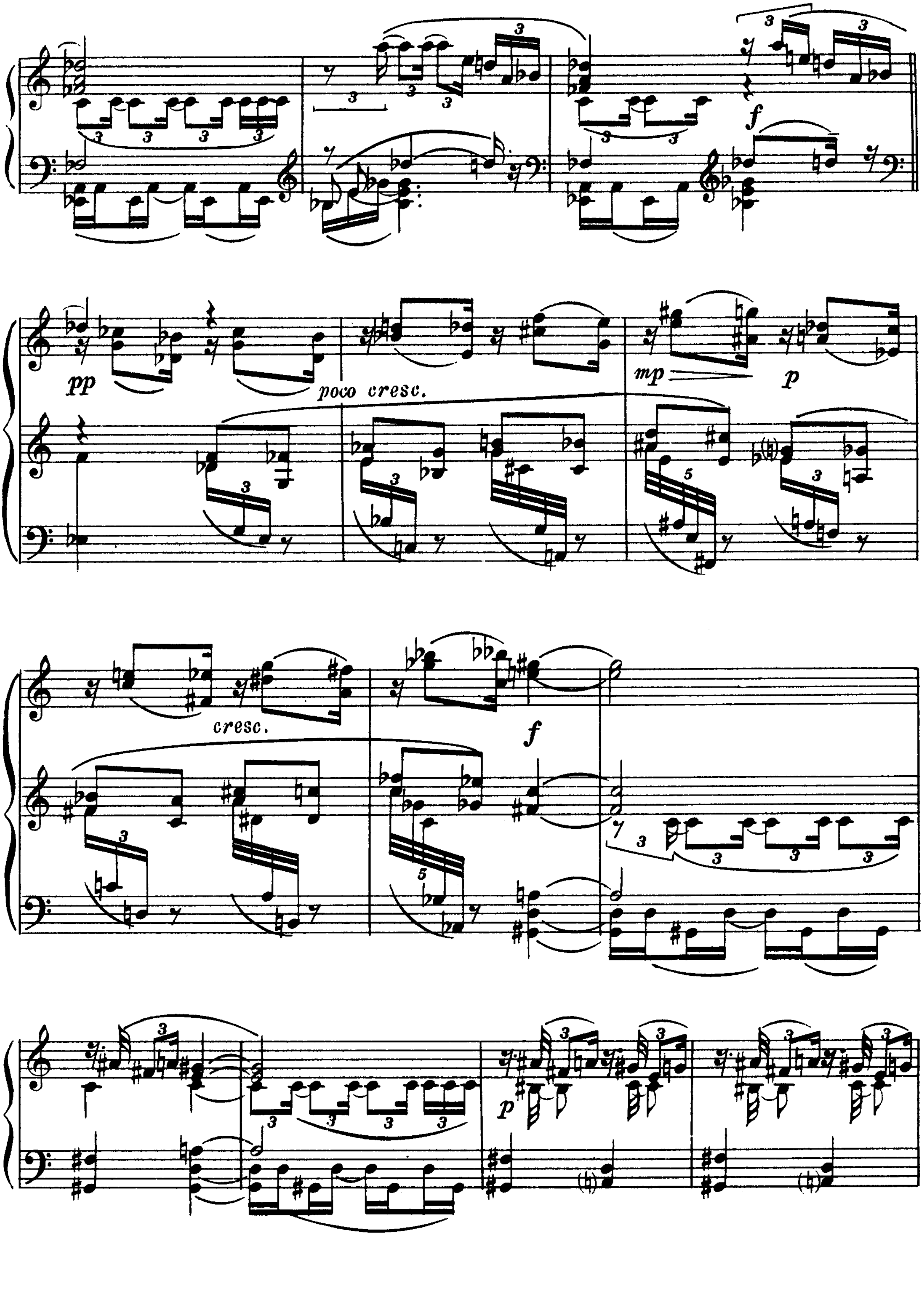

poco cresc.
pp
poco cresc.
Molto meno vivo
pur, limpide
pp
Ped.
poco cresc.
mp


pp
poco cresc.
sombre mysterieux
tr
pp
p
perfide
avec une douceur de plus en plus caressante et empoisonnée
pp
p
cresc.
mf

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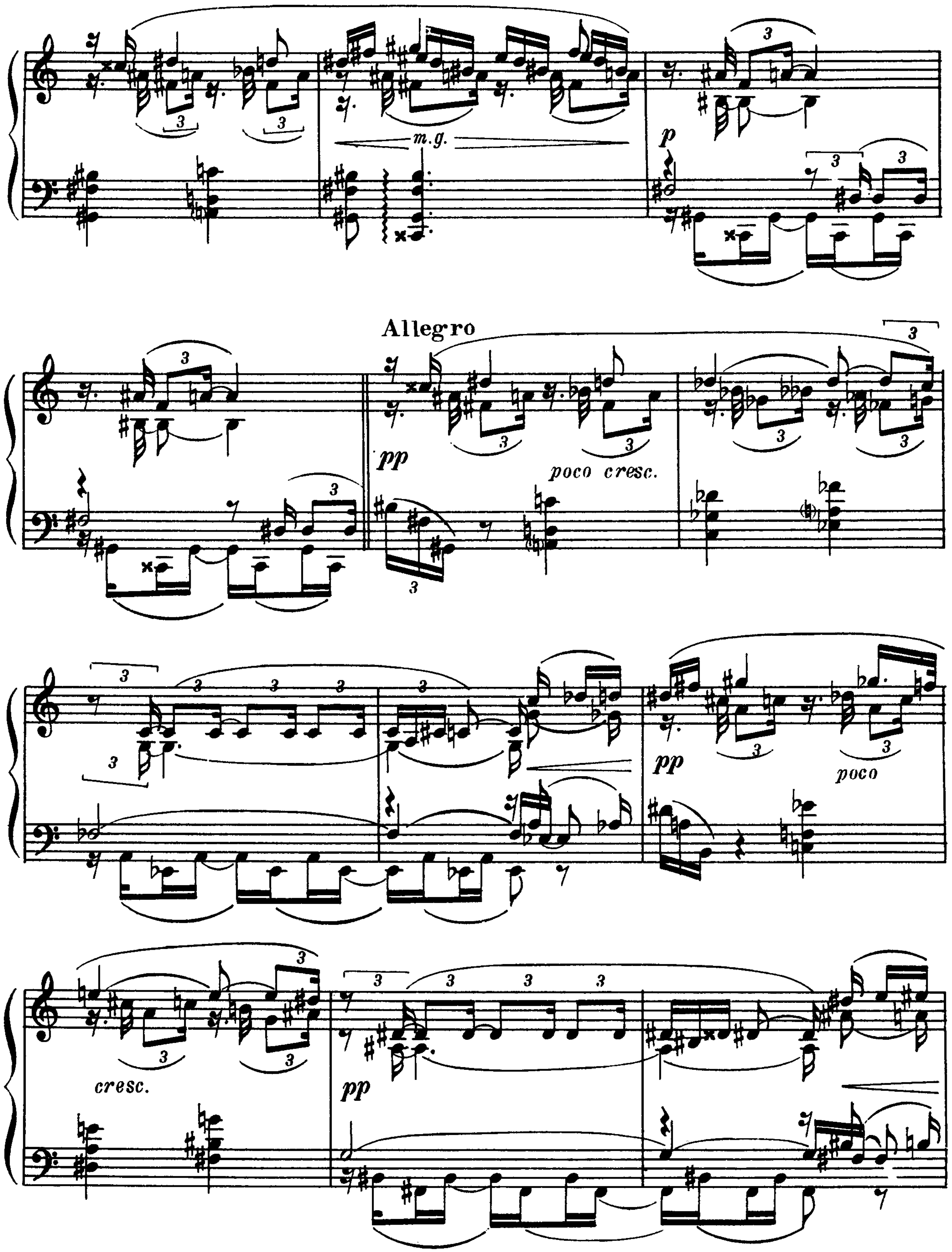
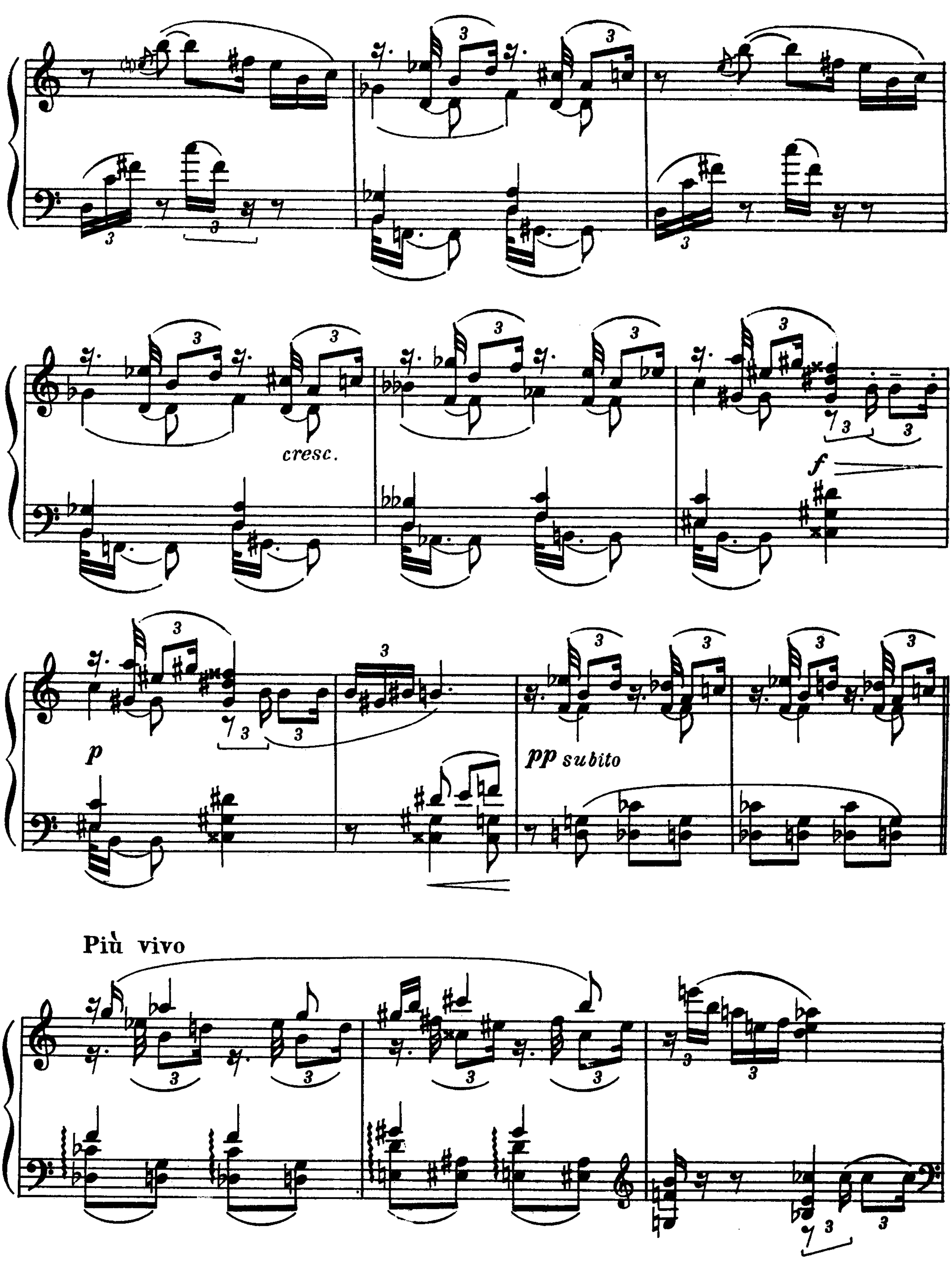
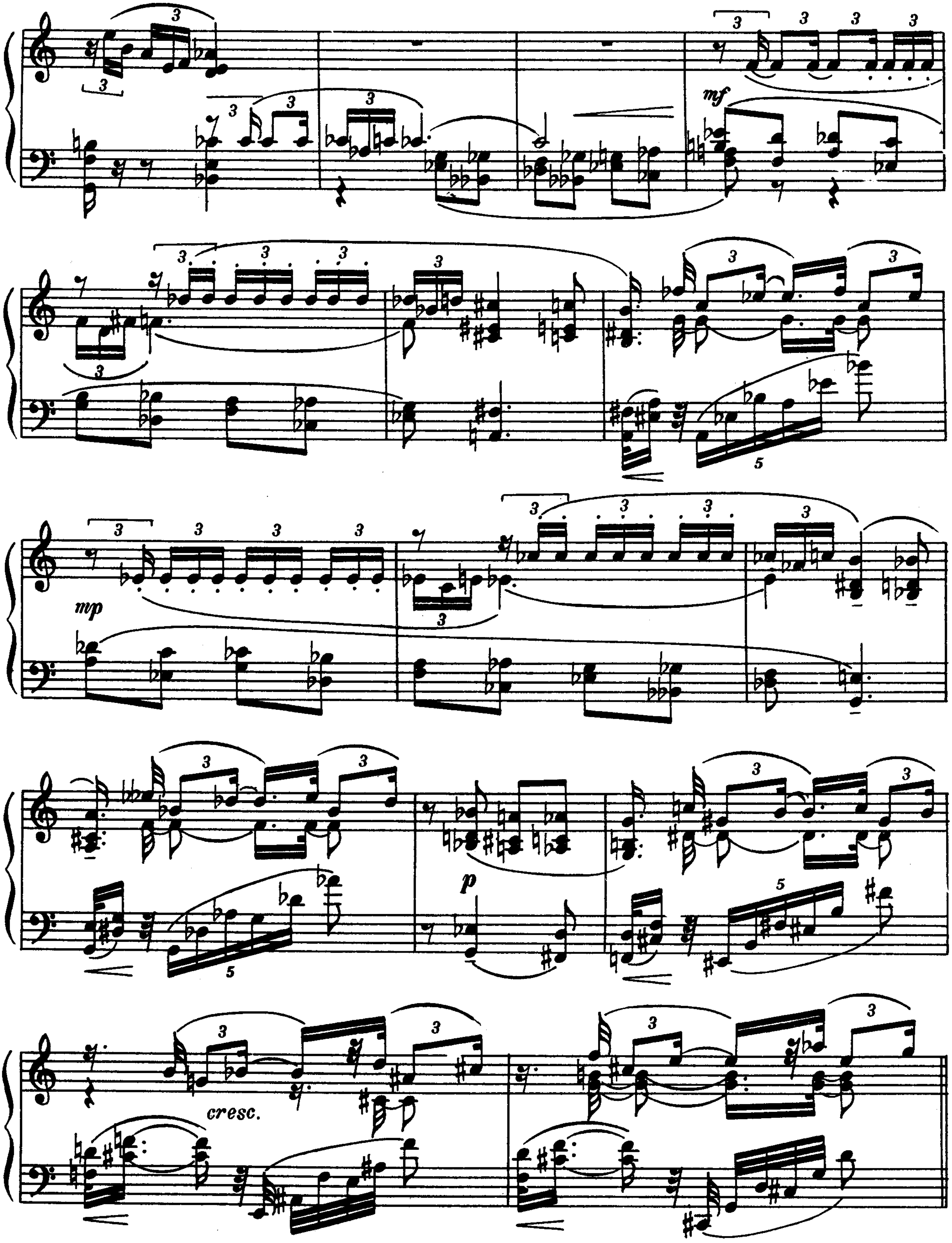
cresc.

m.g.
p
Allegro
pp
poco cresc.
pp
poco
cresc.
pp

cresc.
f
p
pp subito
Più vivo

mf
mp
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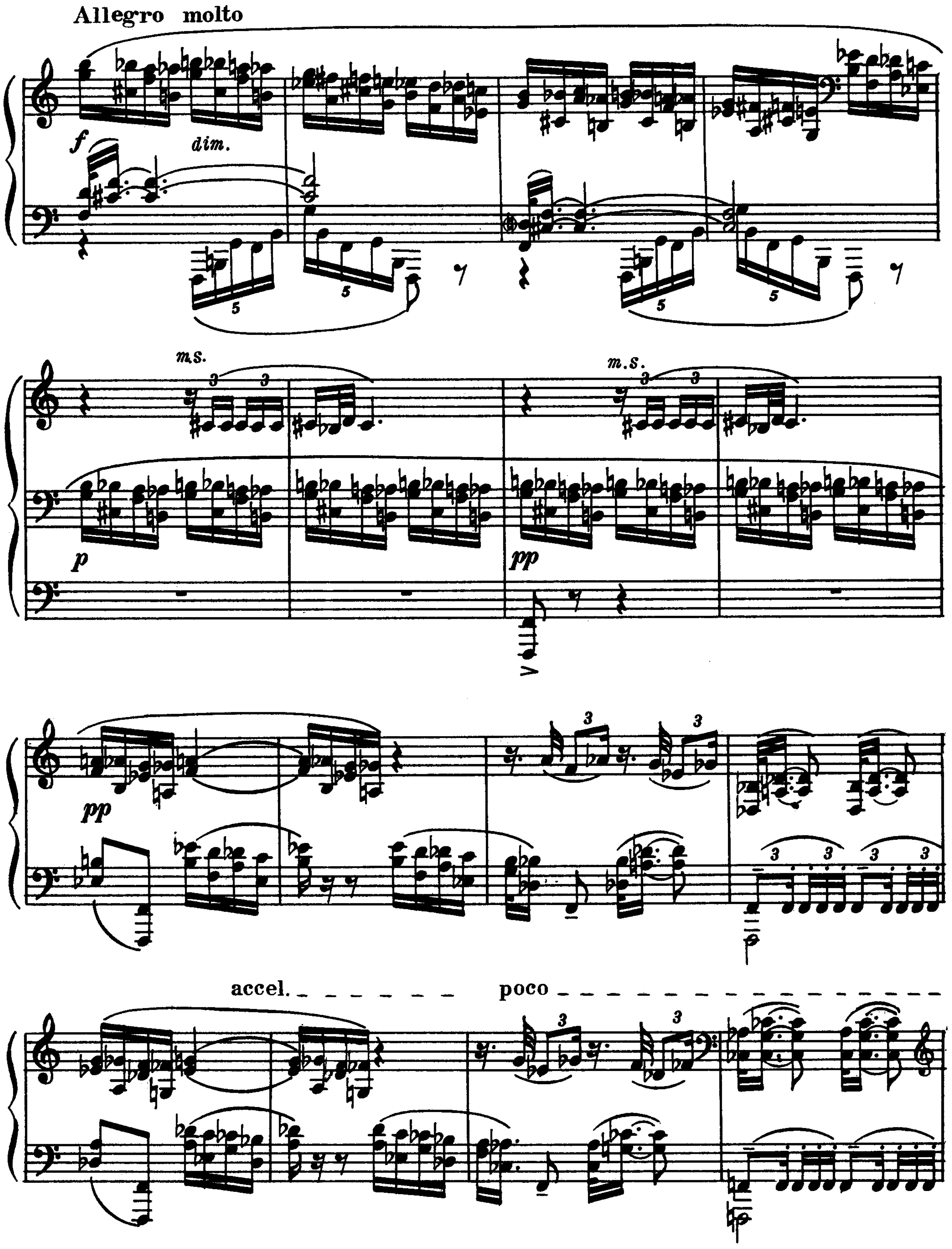
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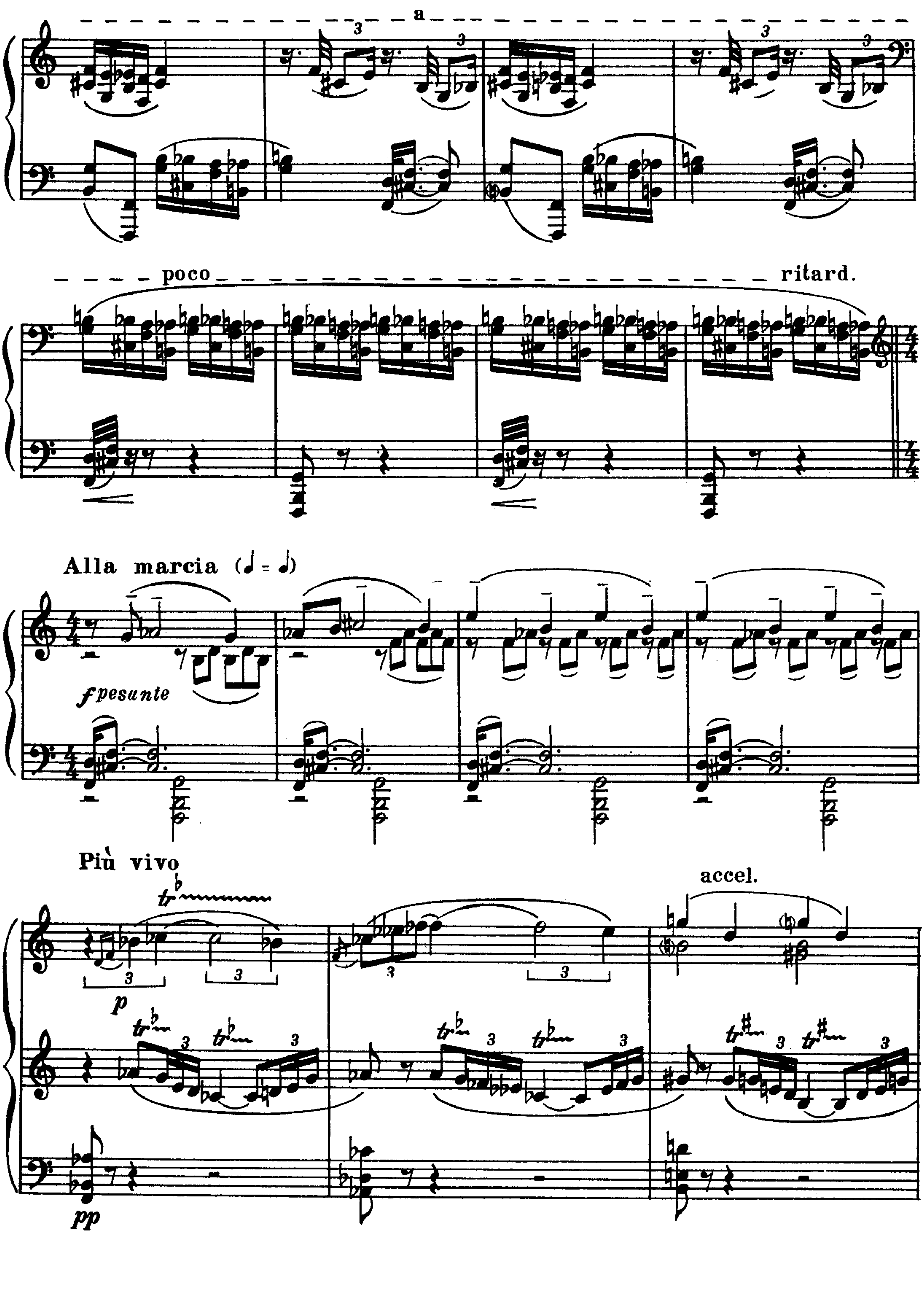
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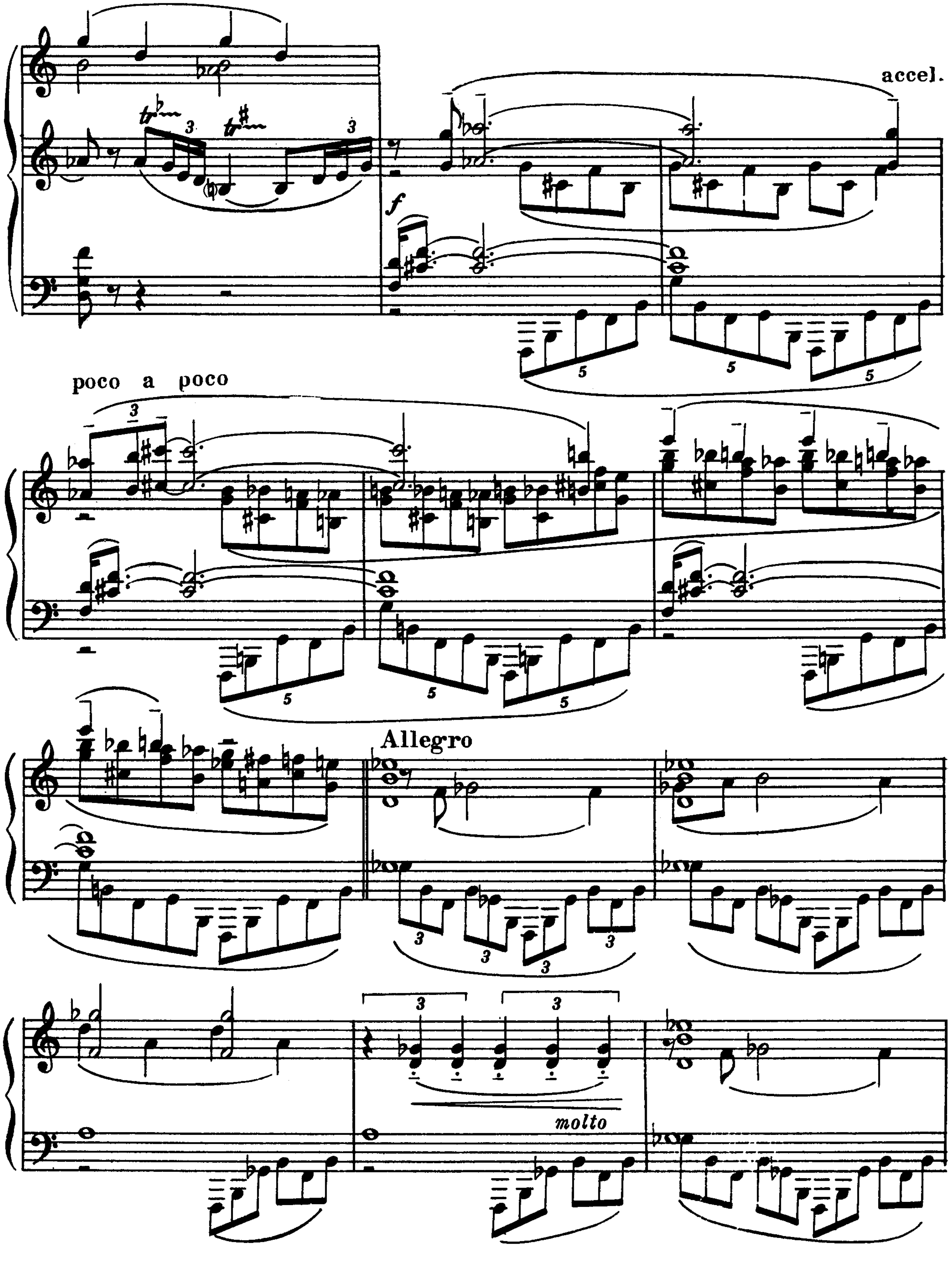
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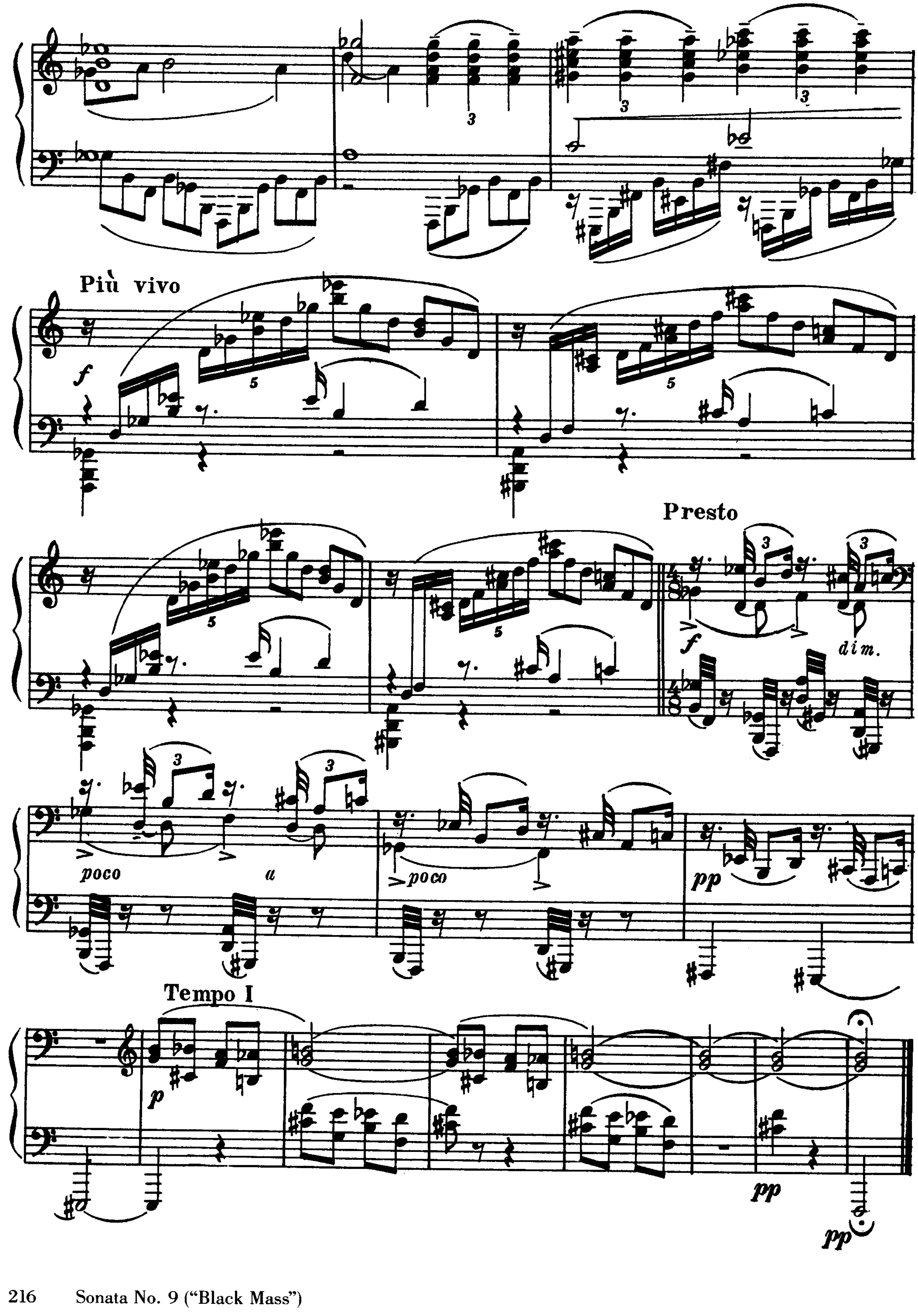
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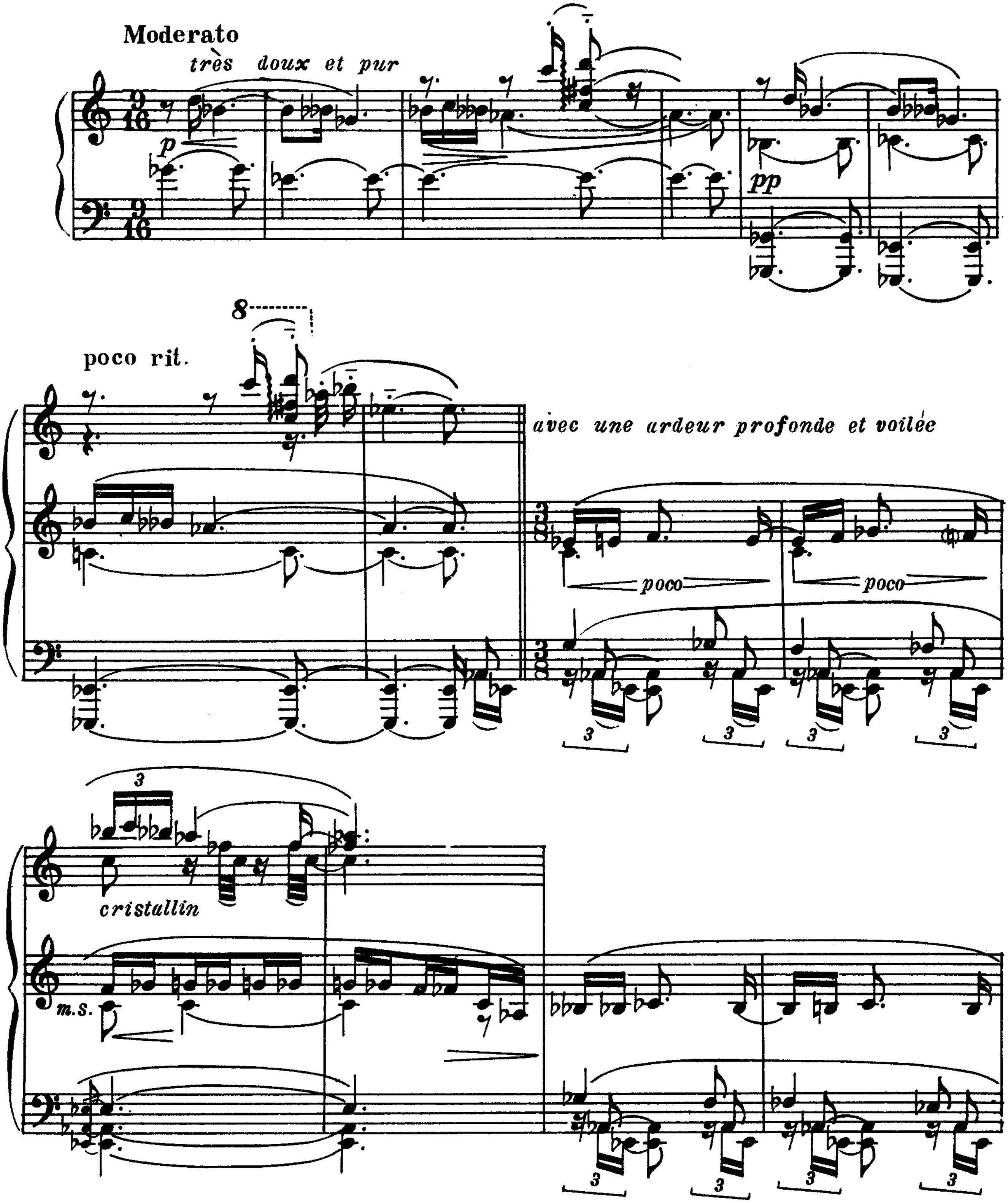

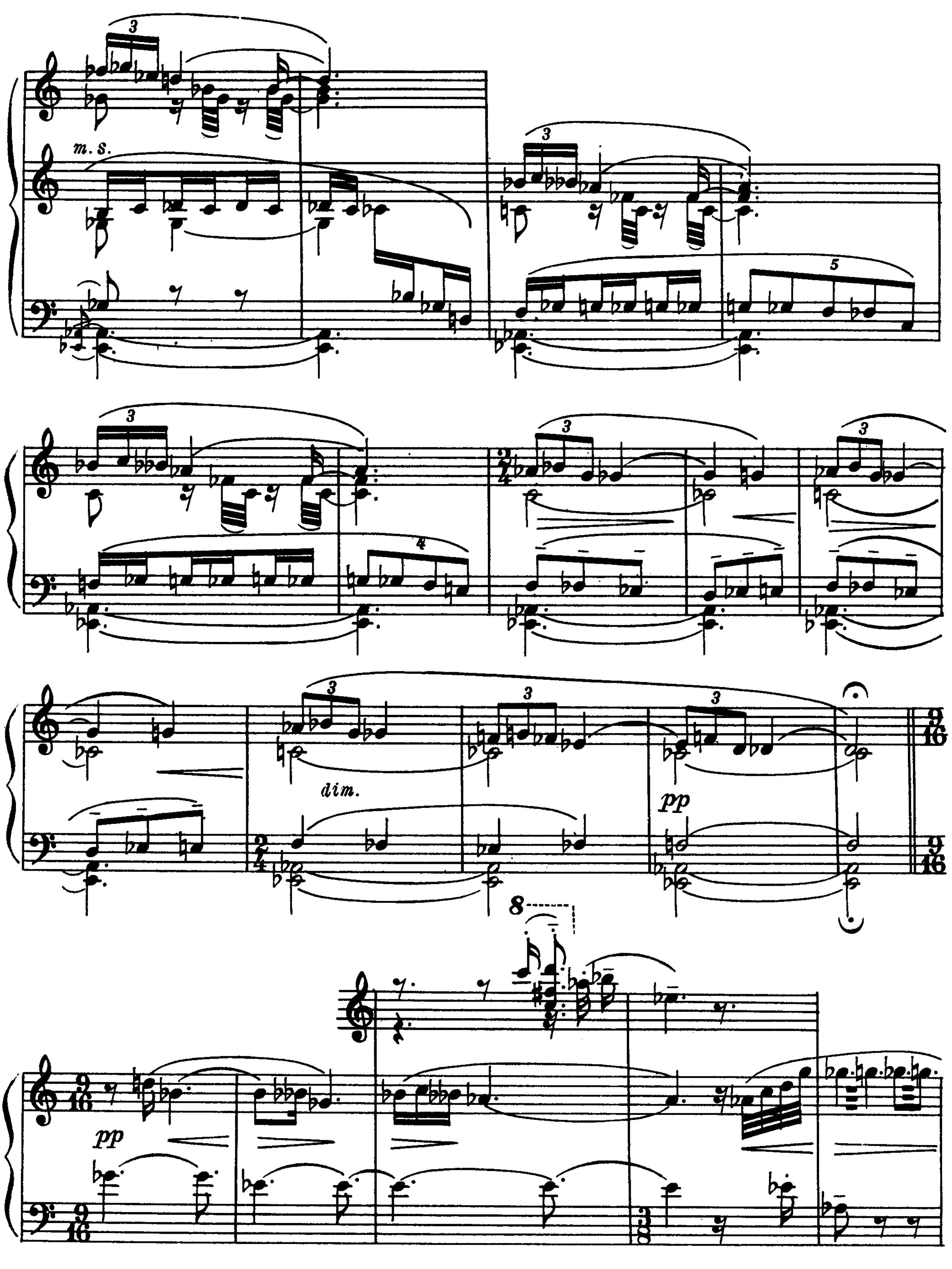
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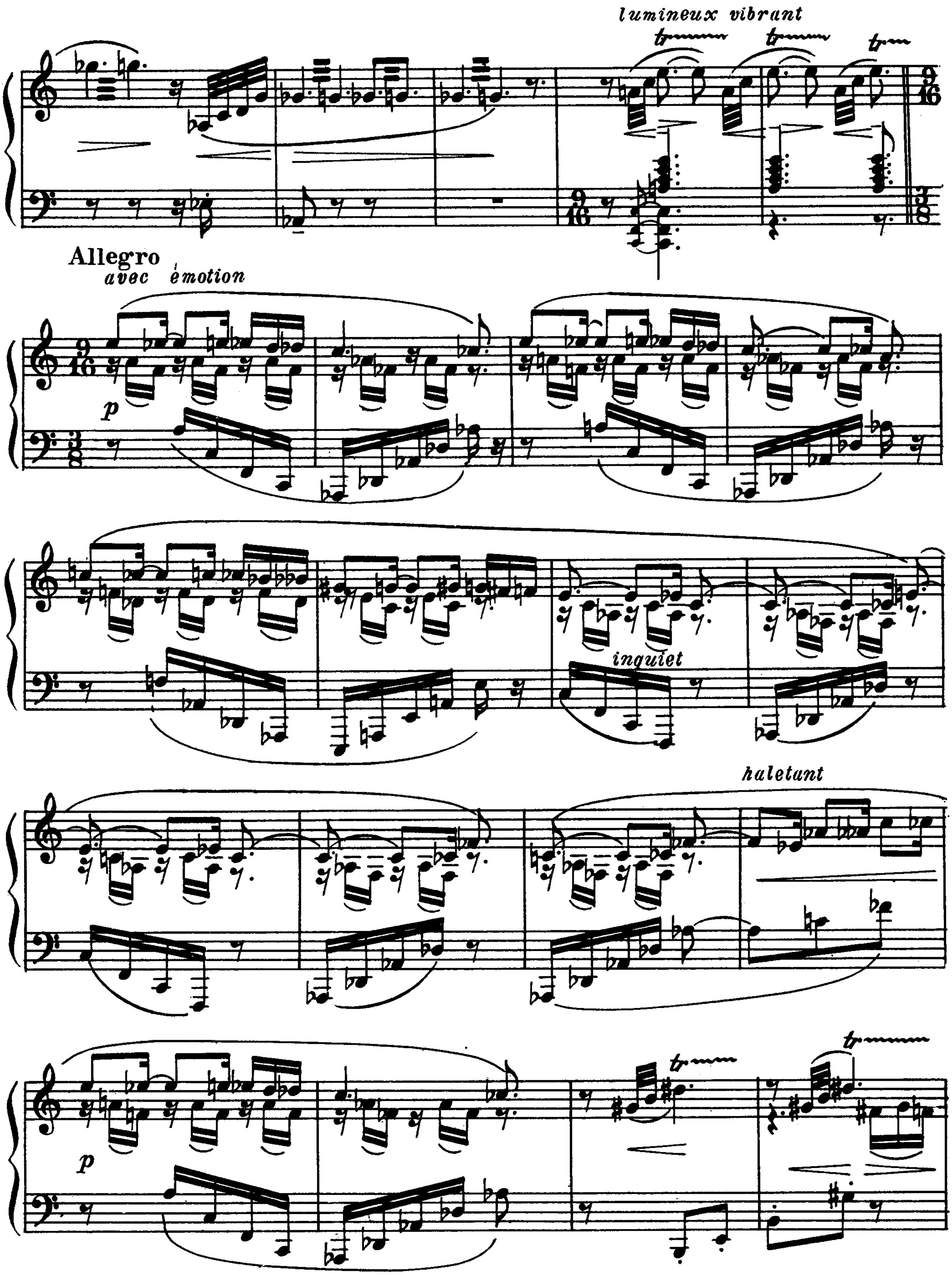
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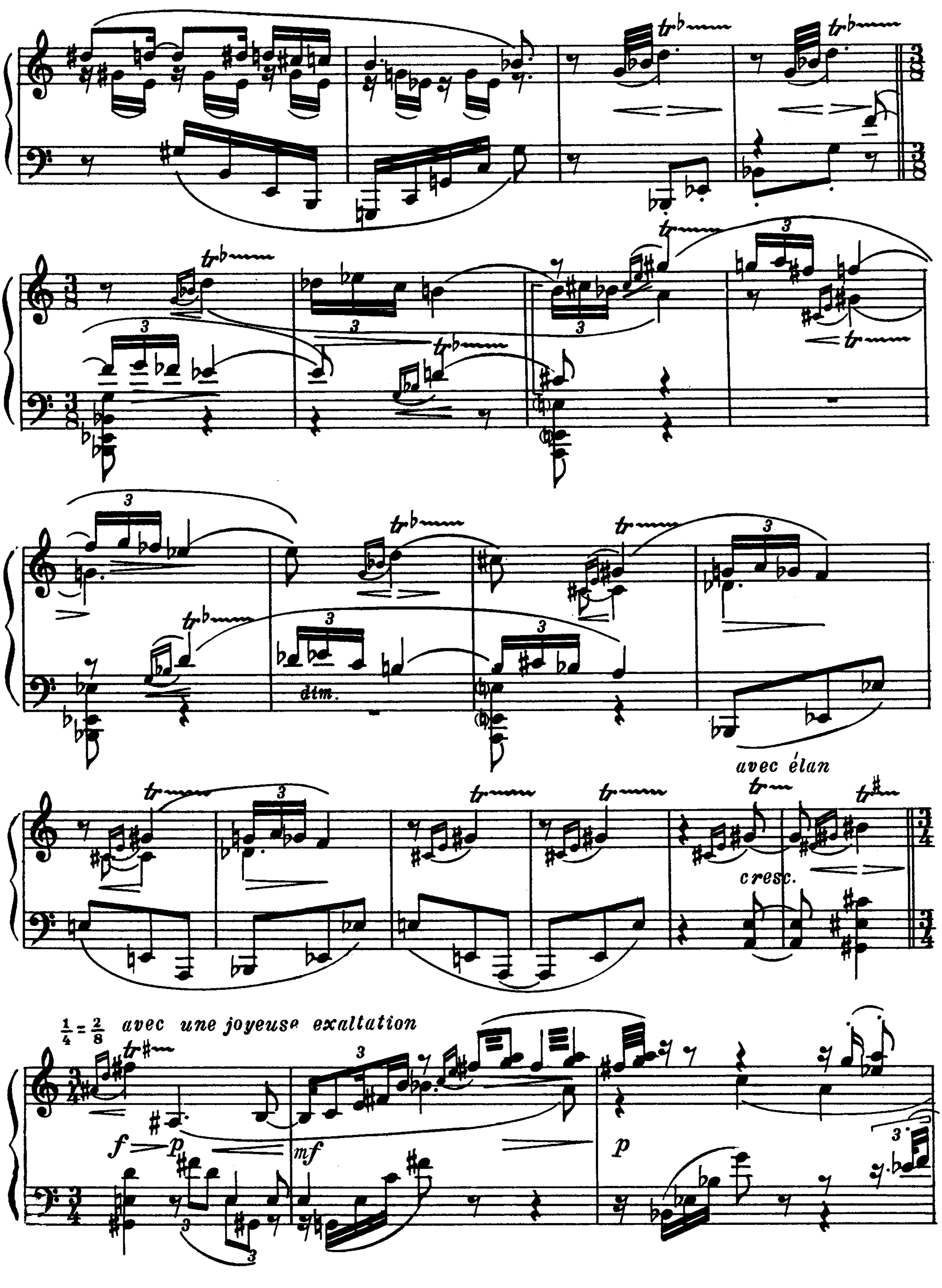
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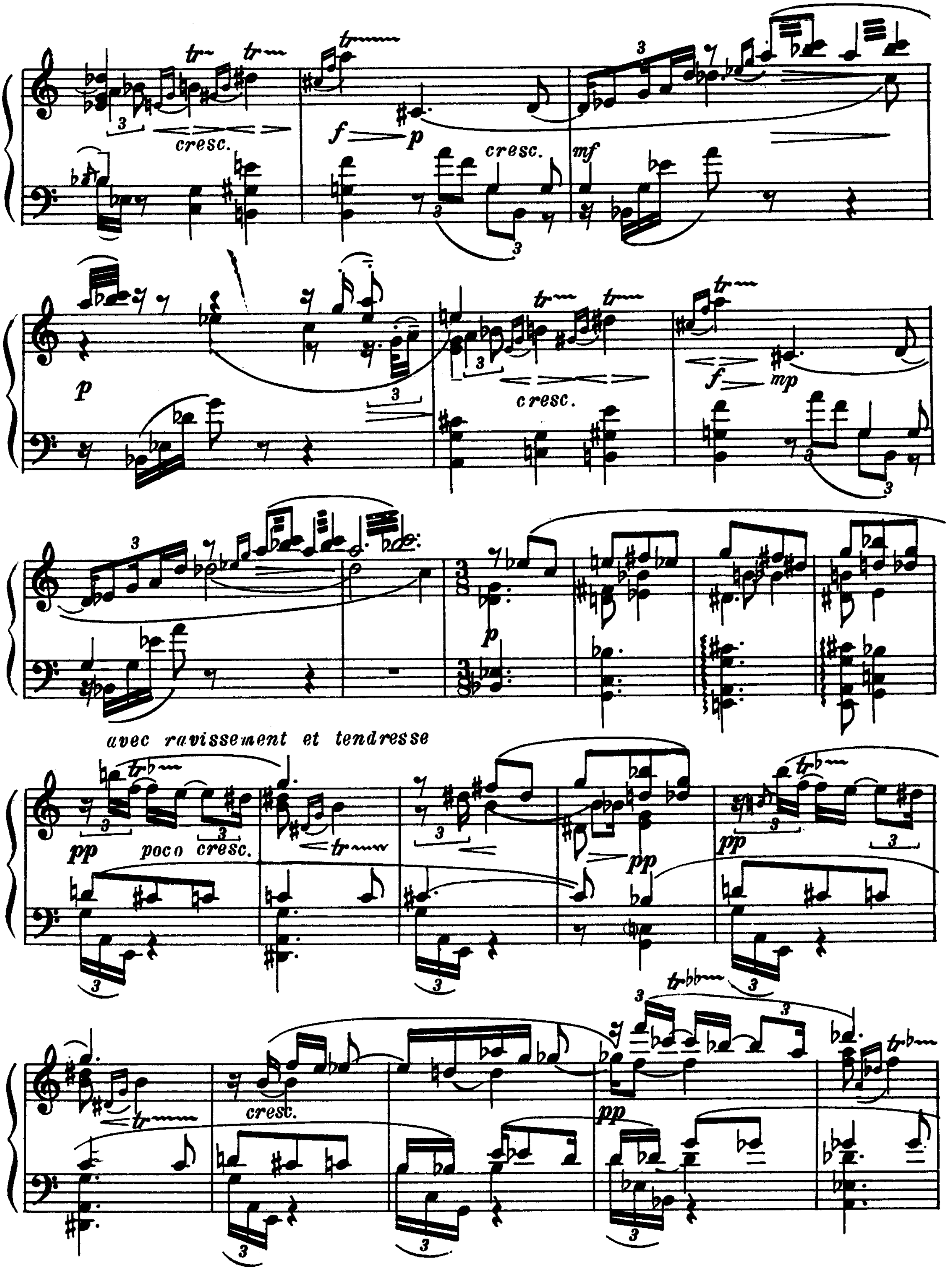
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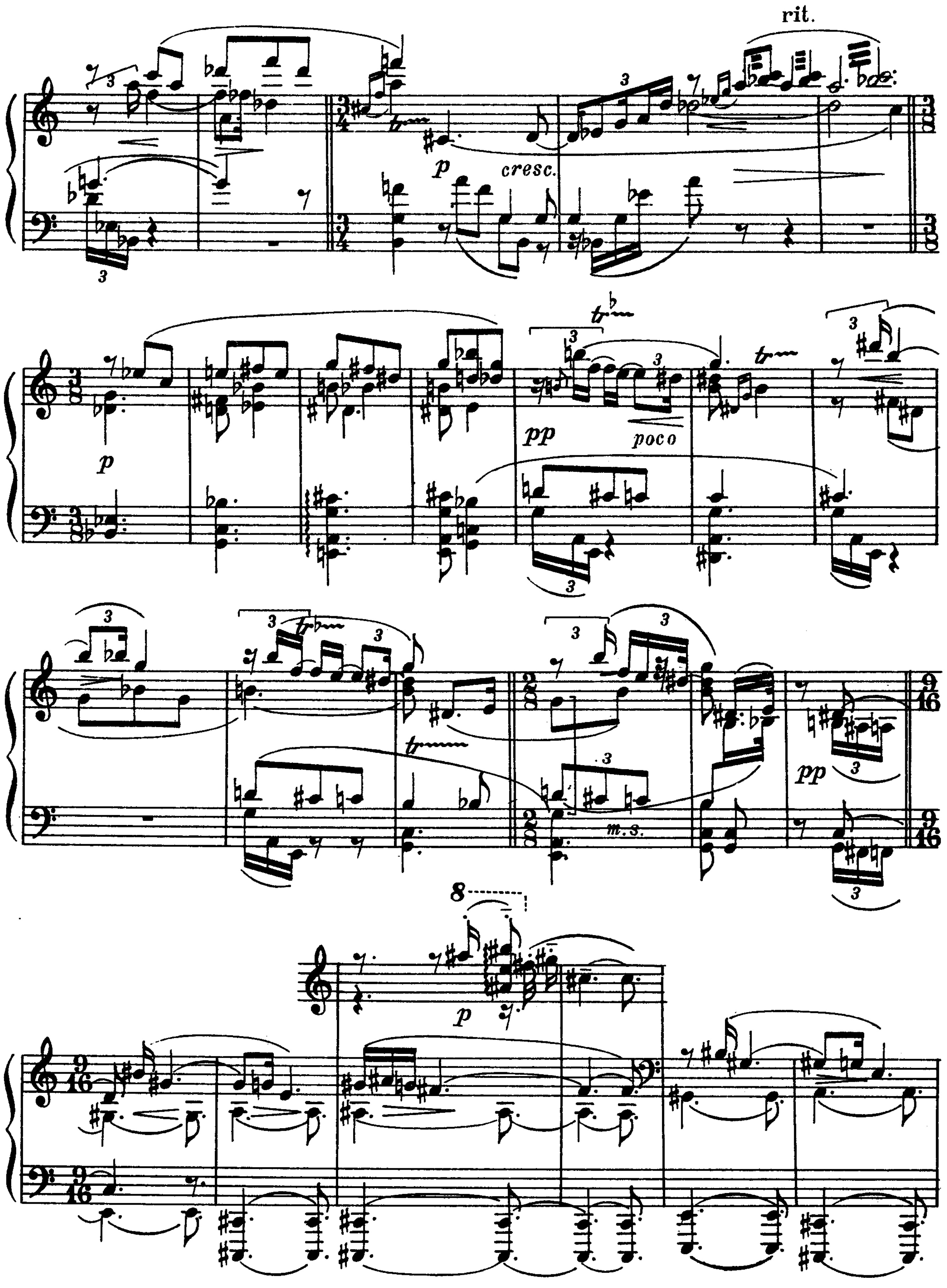
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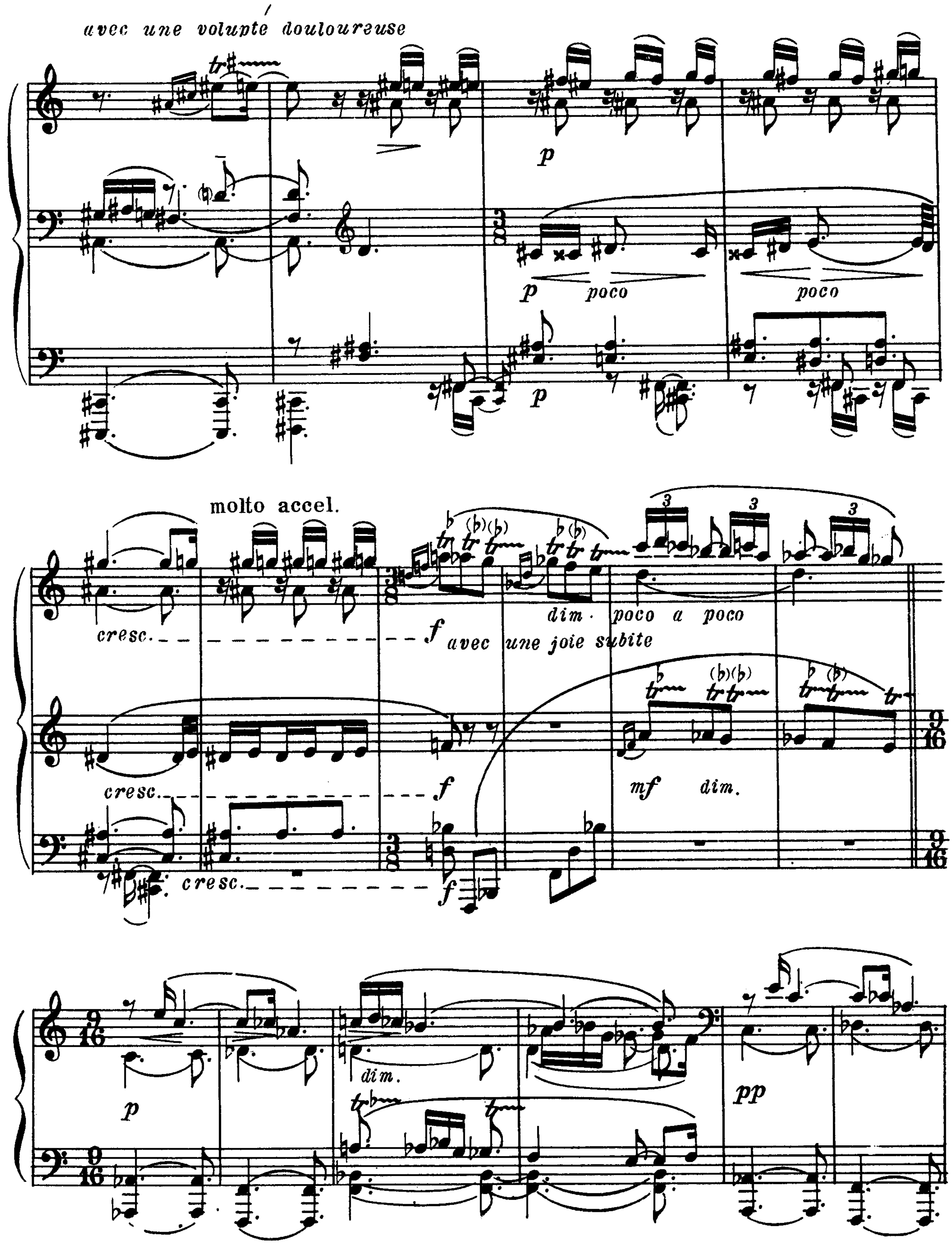
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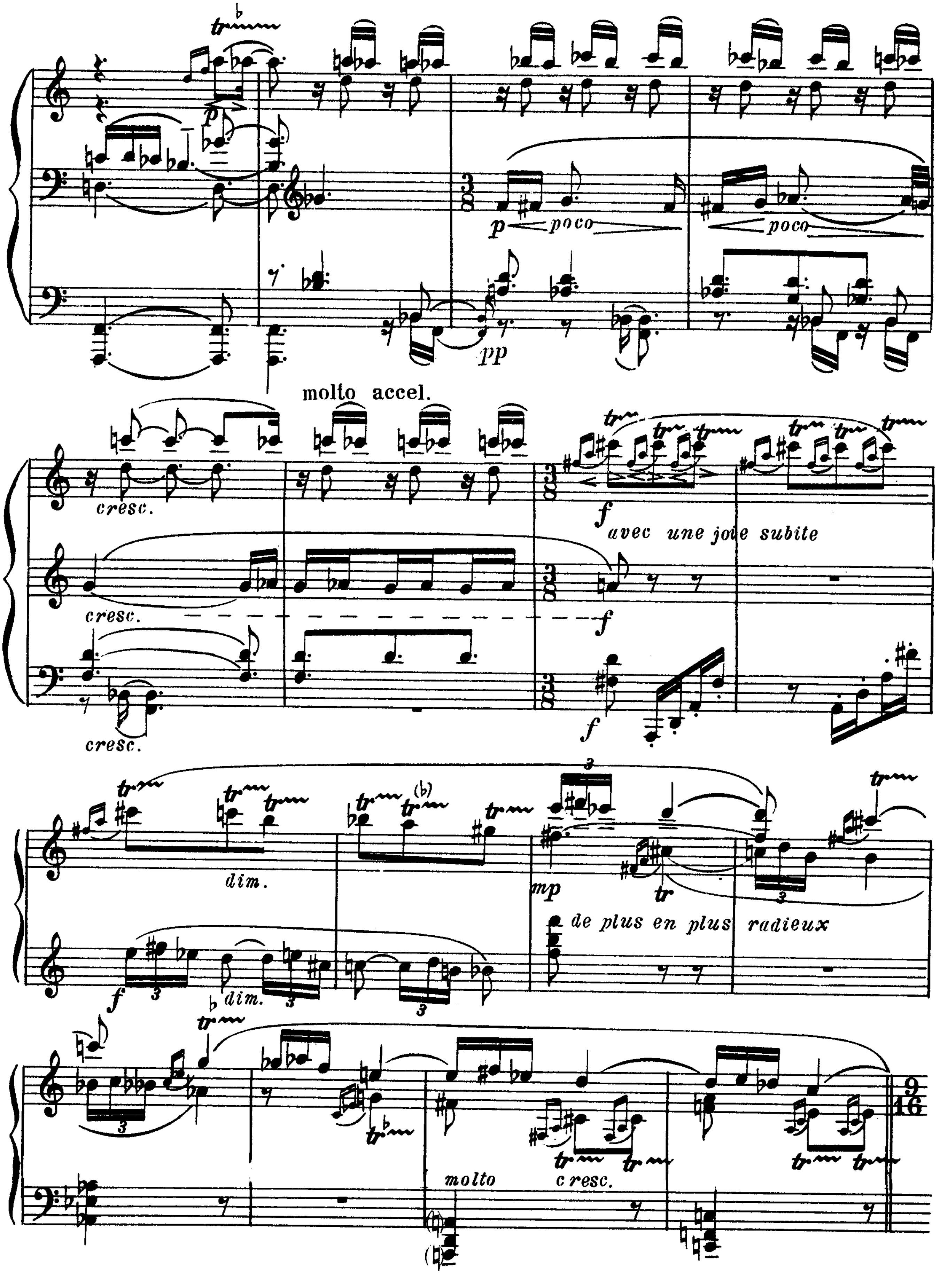
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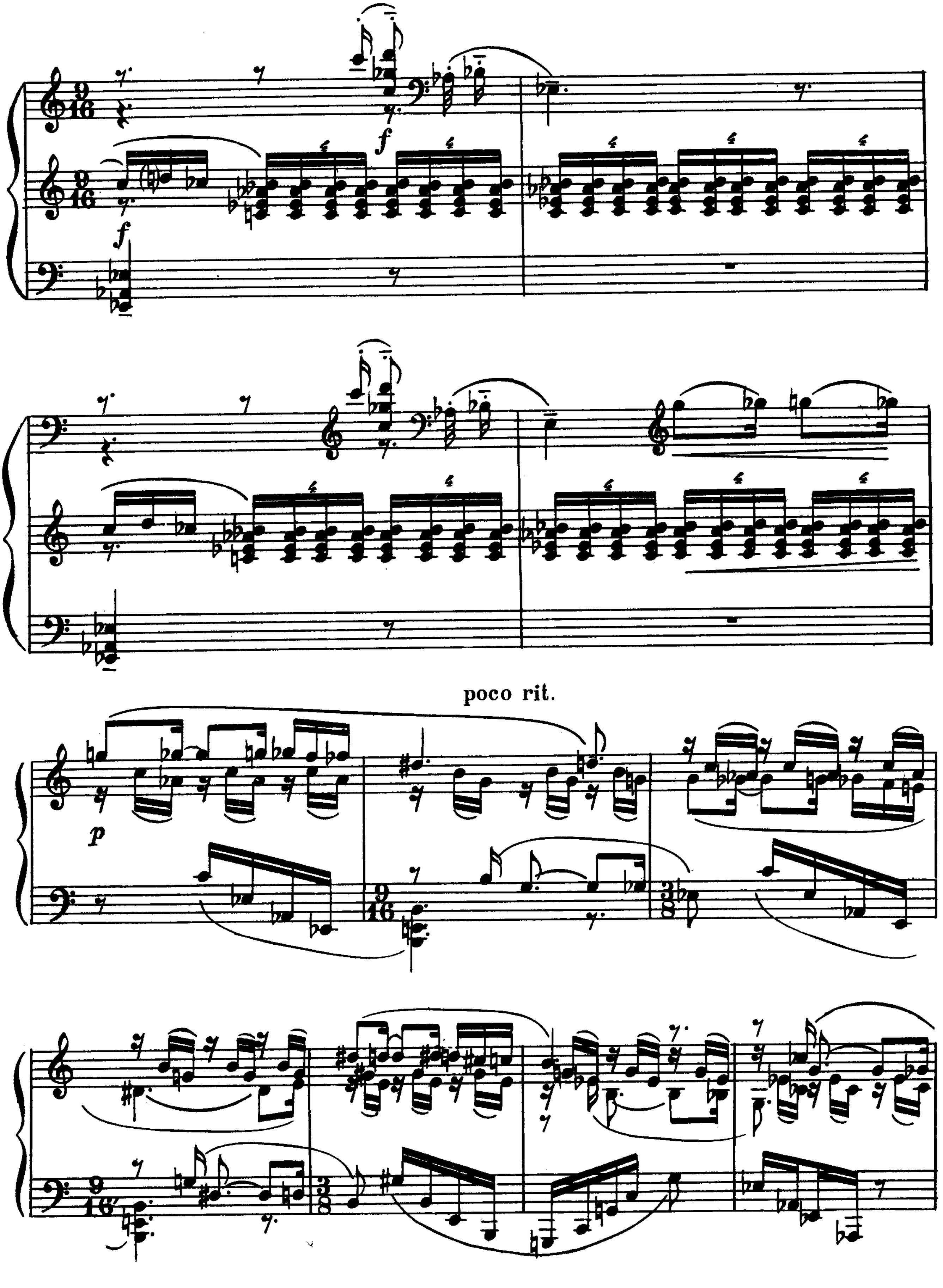
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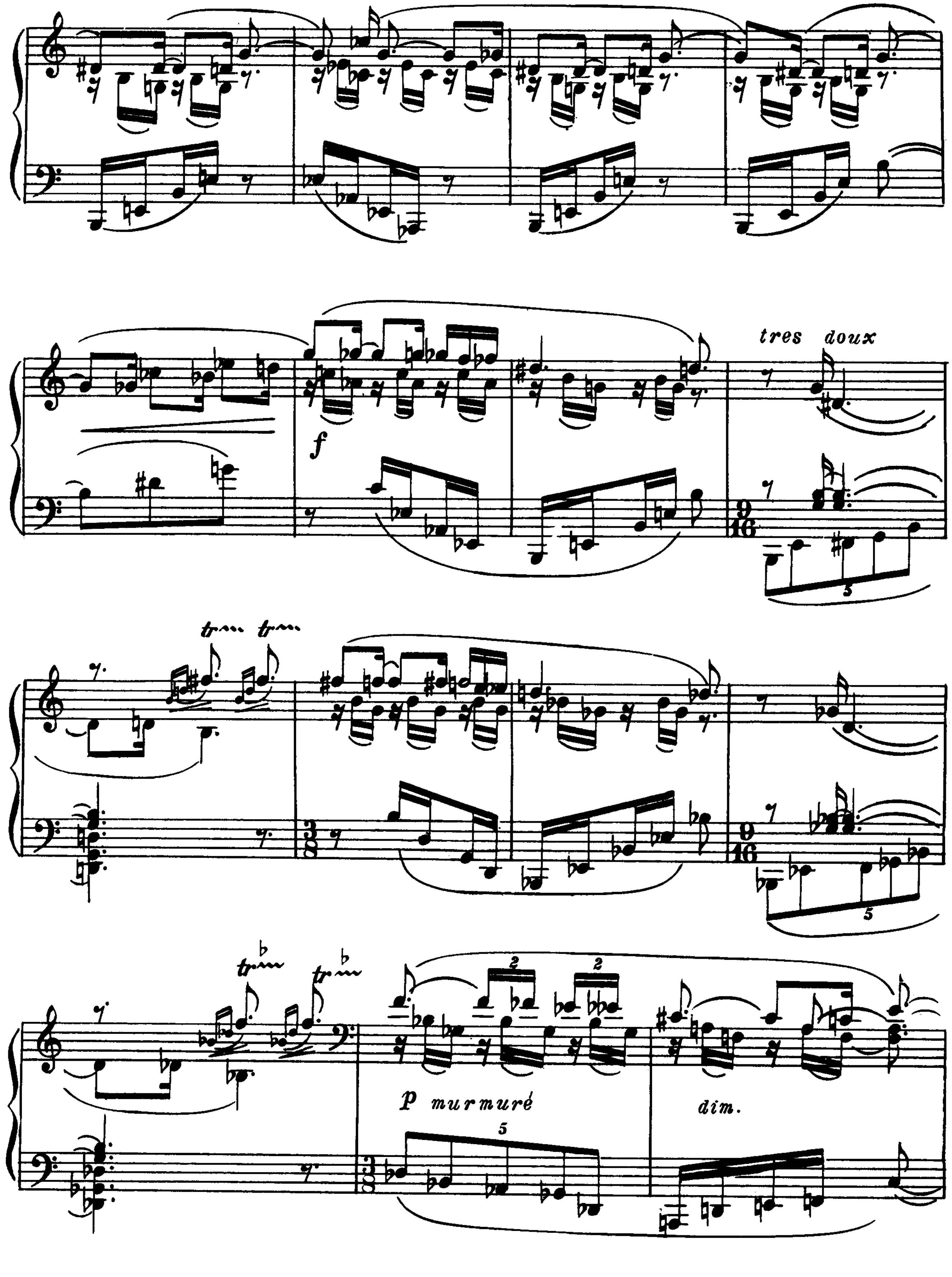

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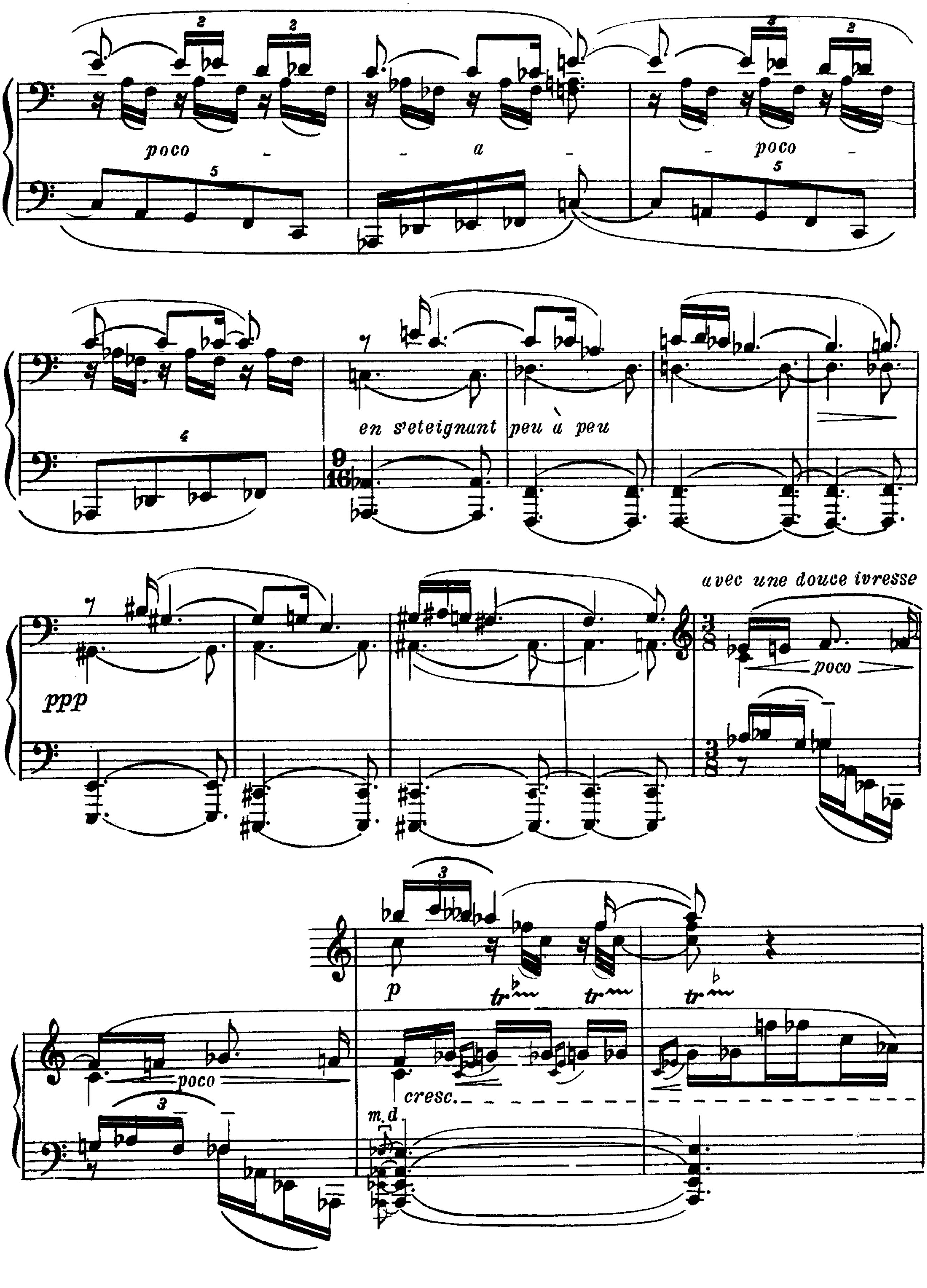
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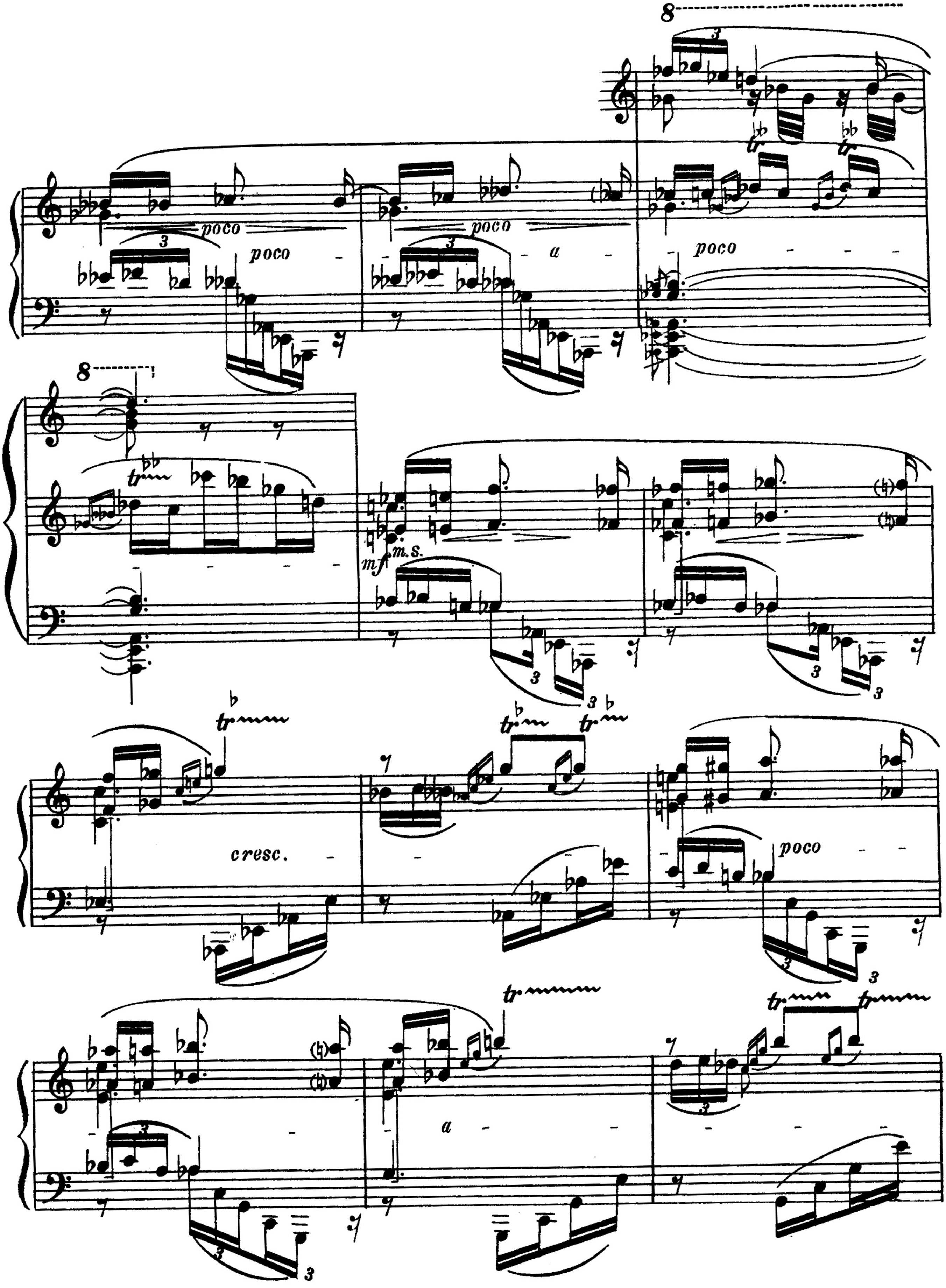
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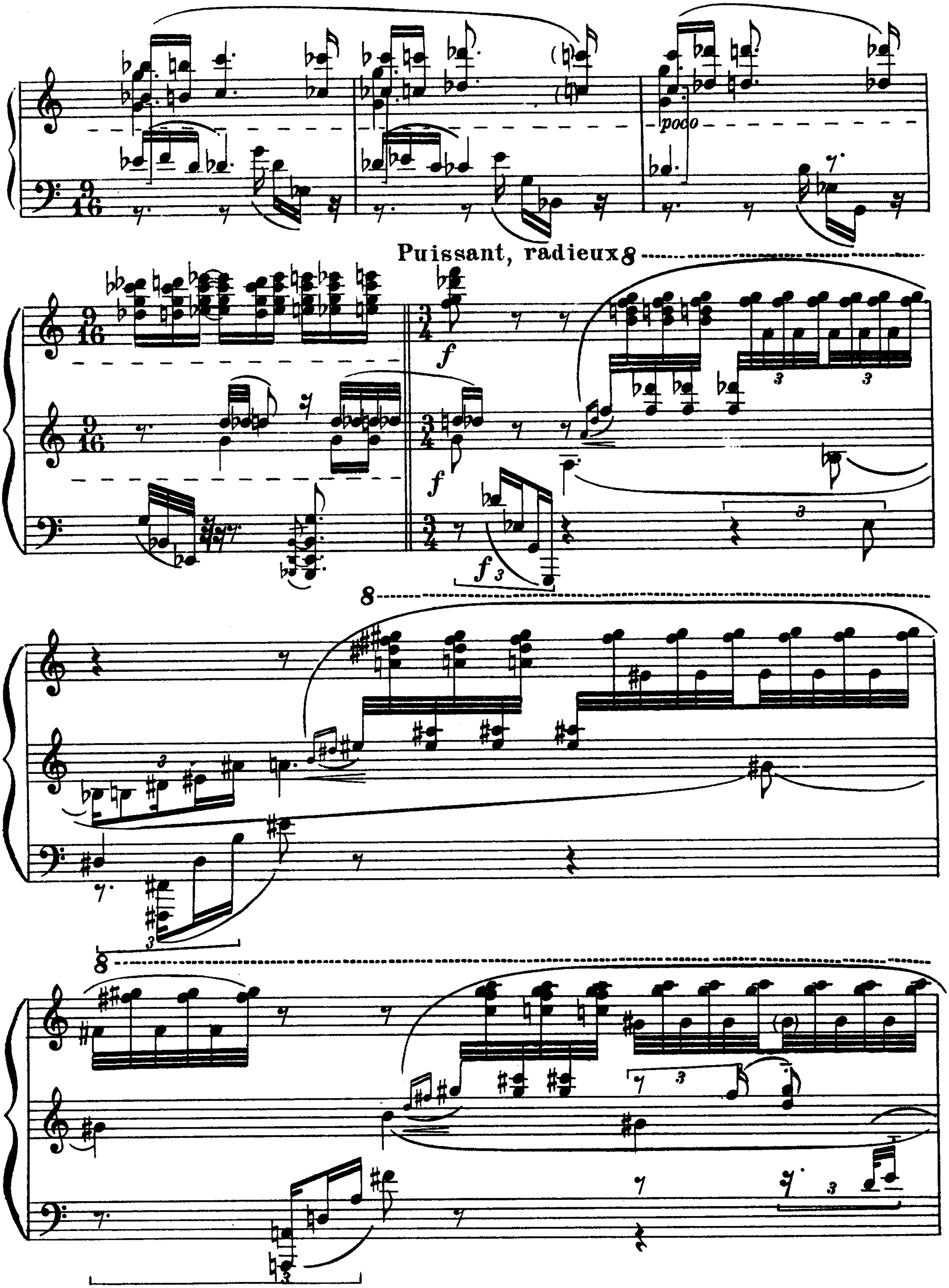
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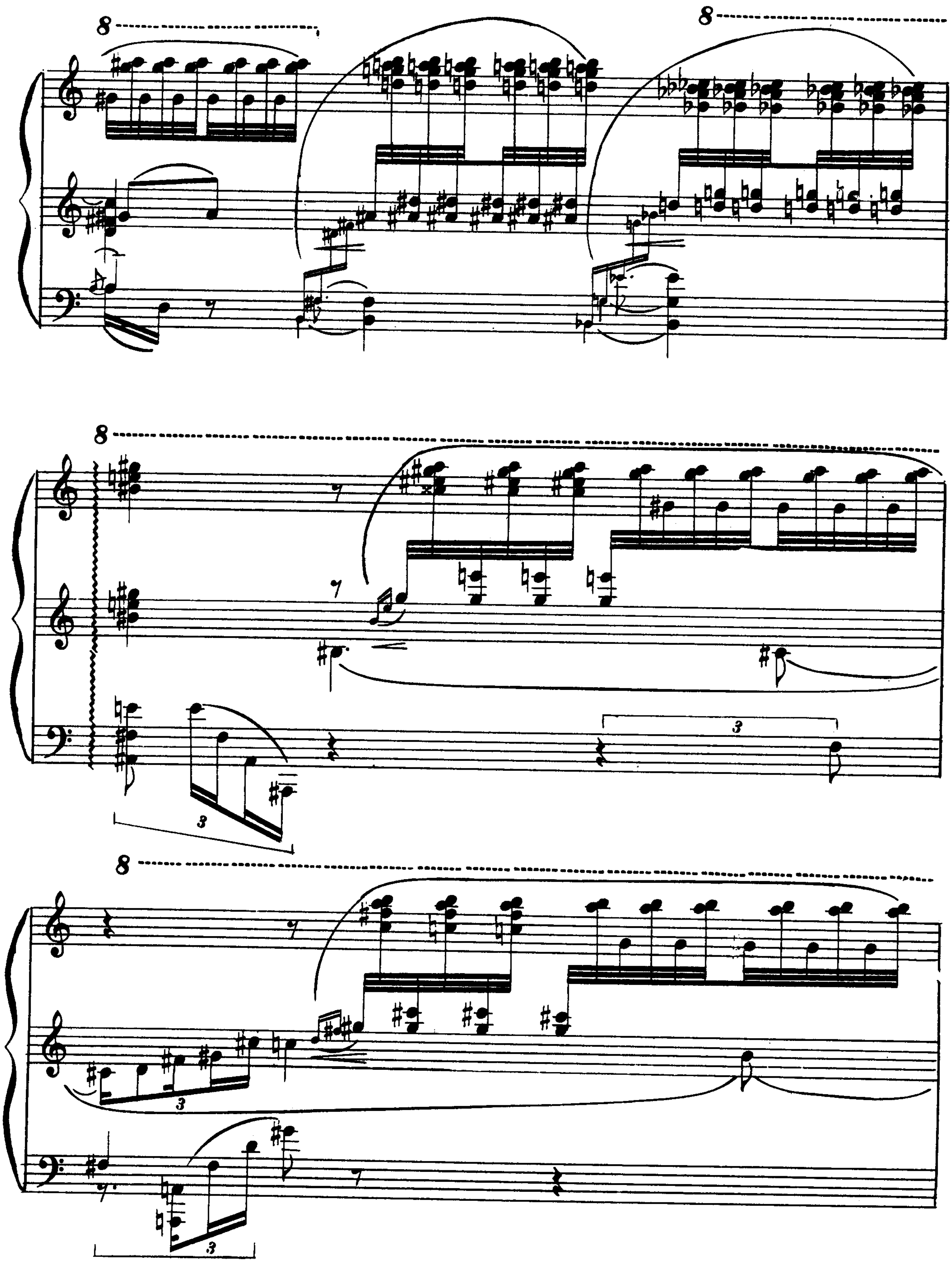

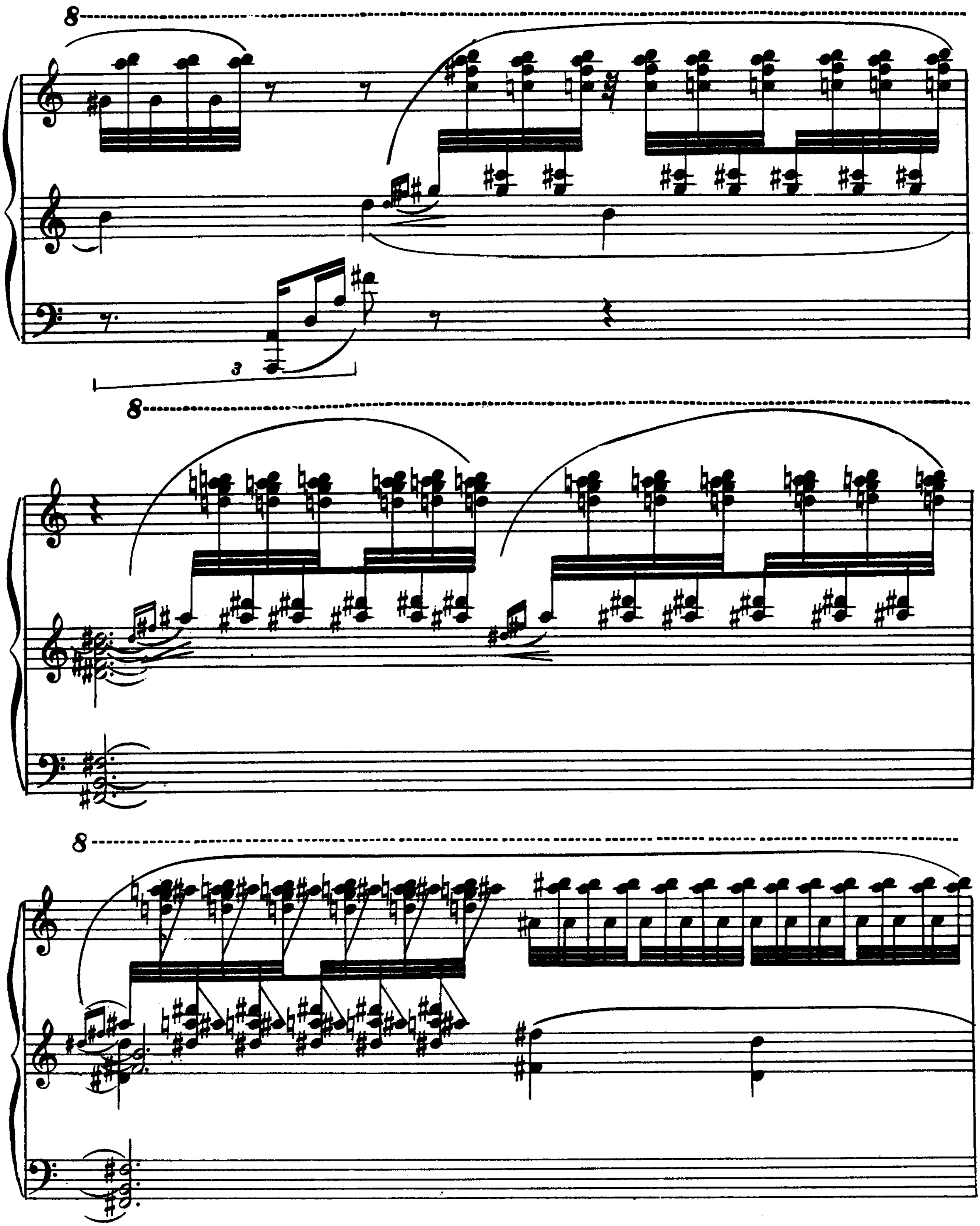
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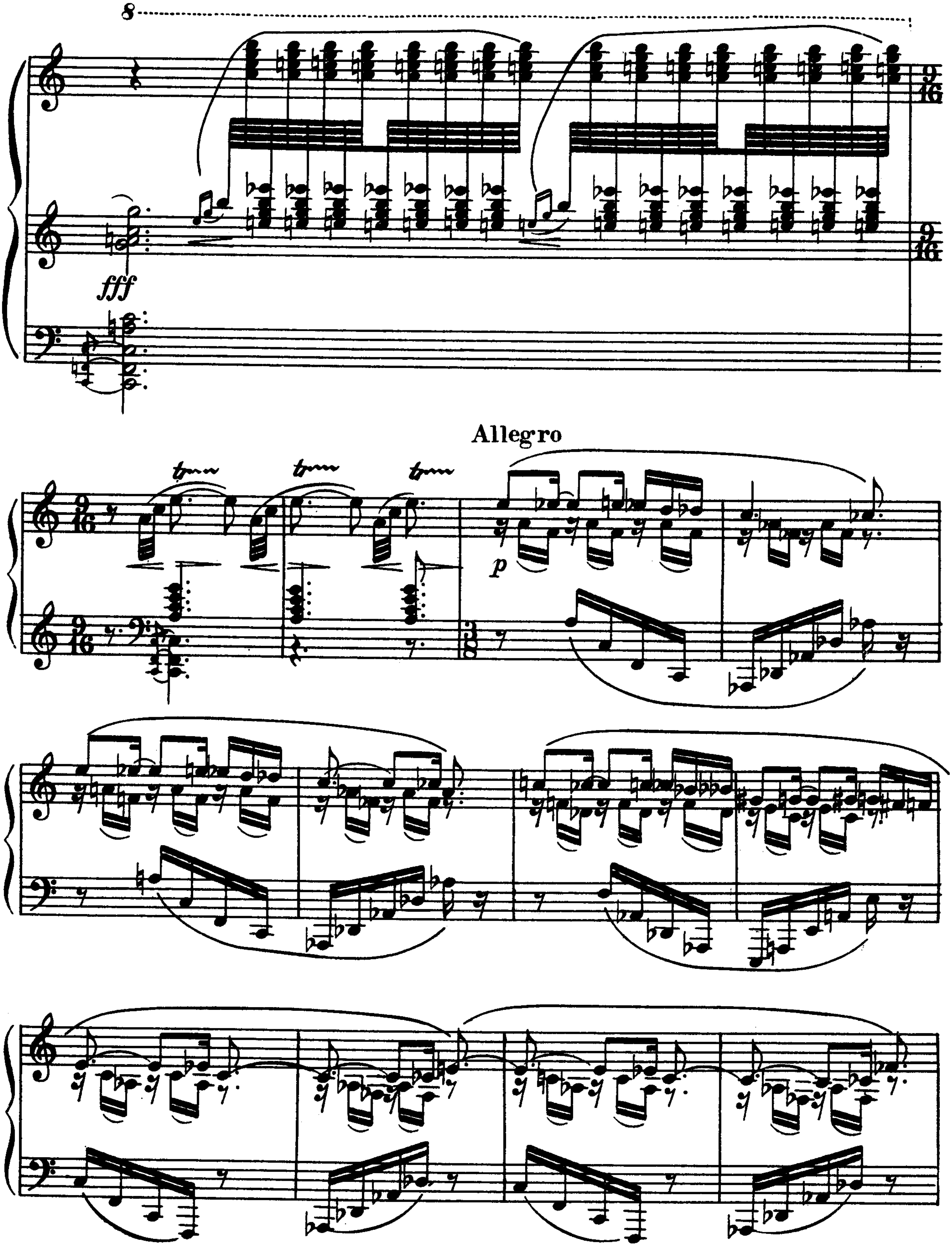
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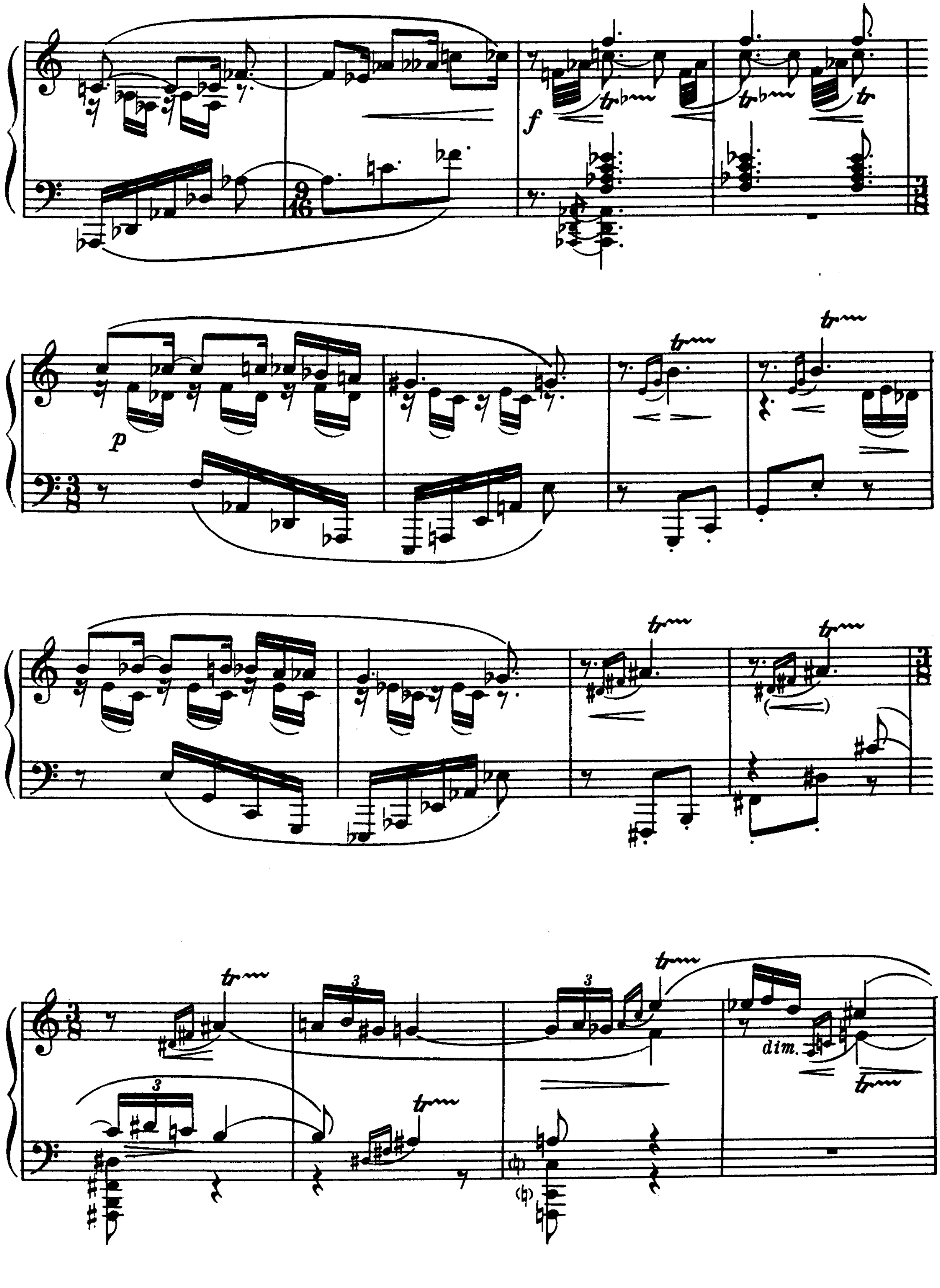
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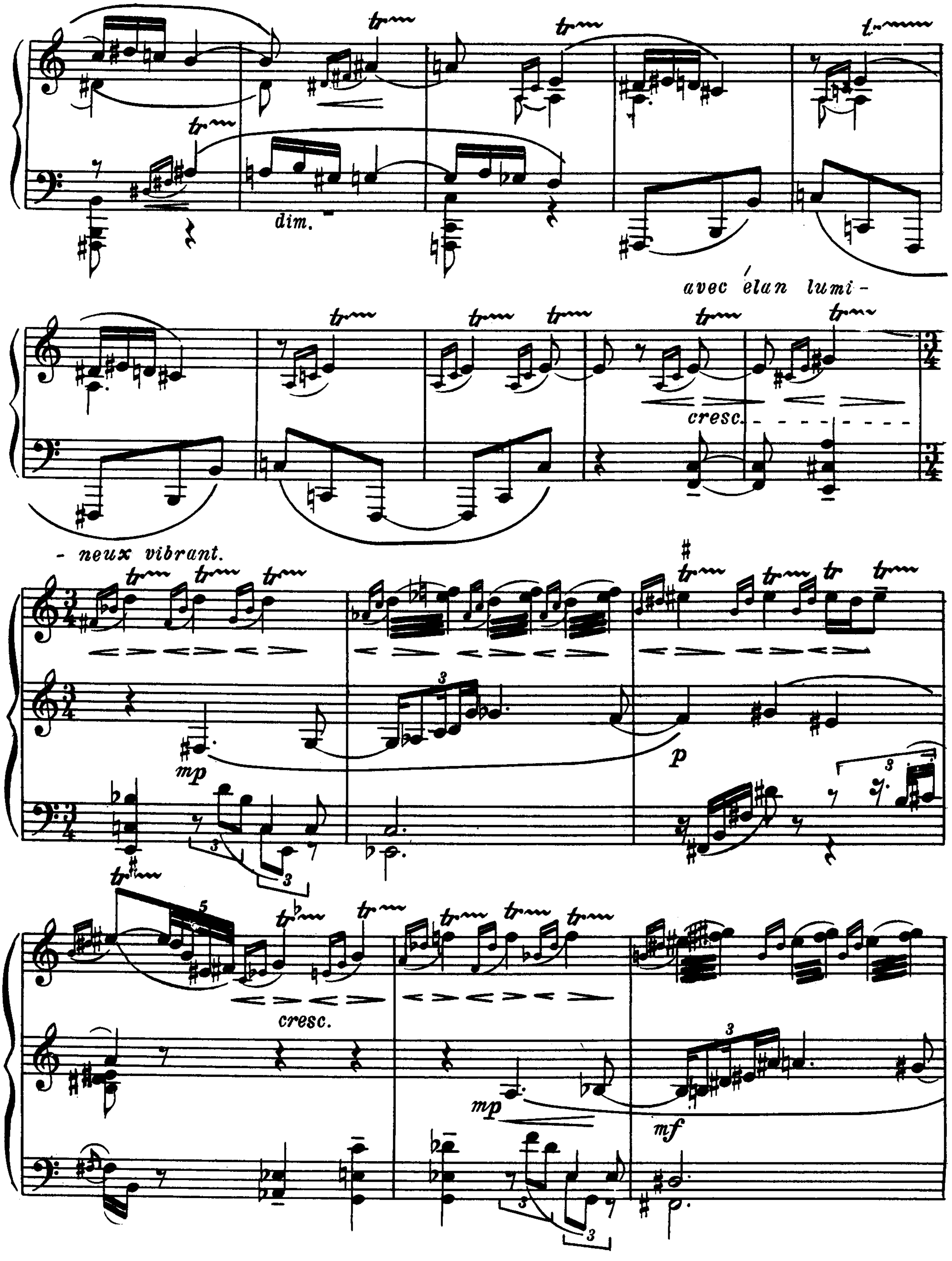
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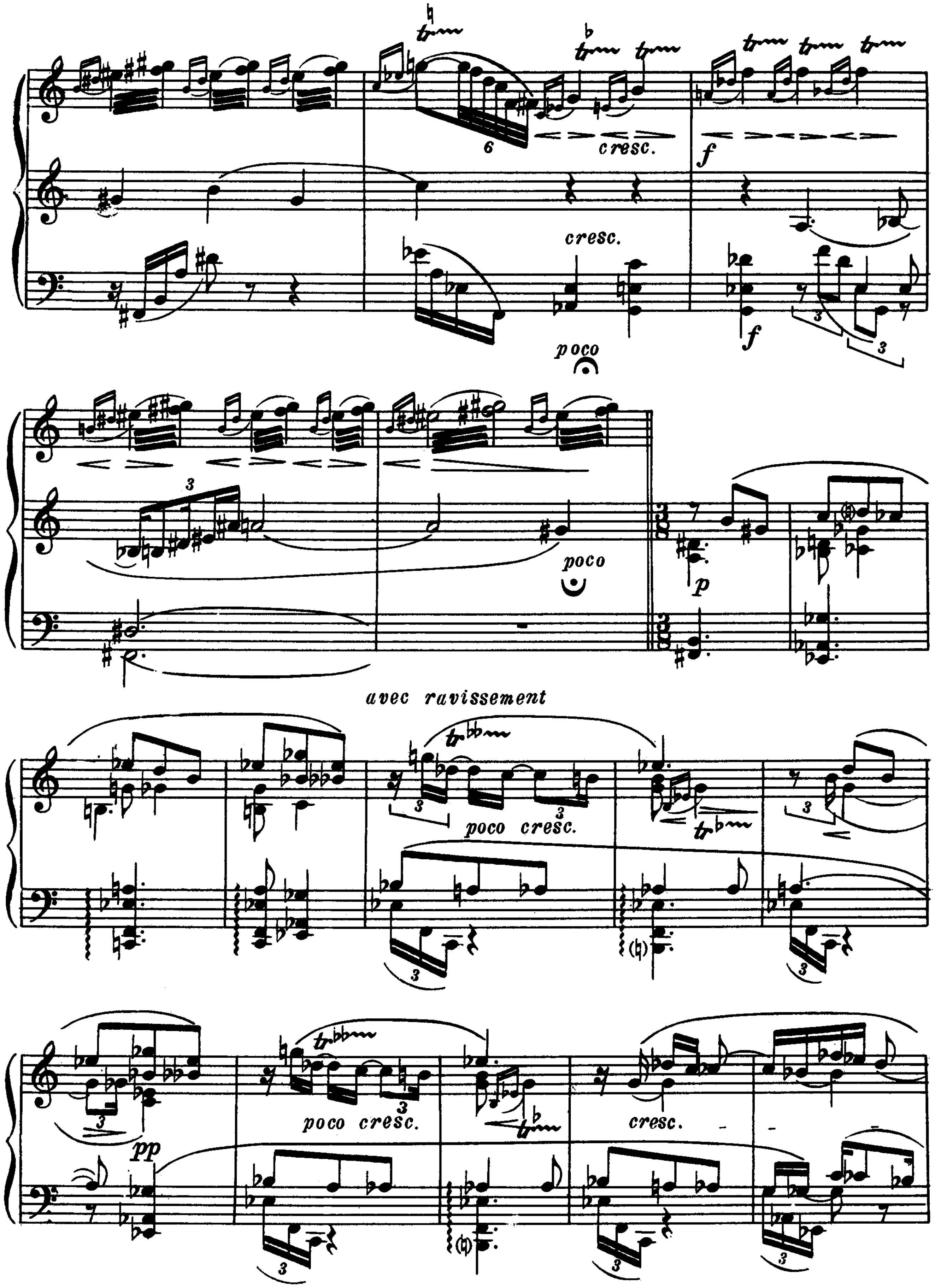
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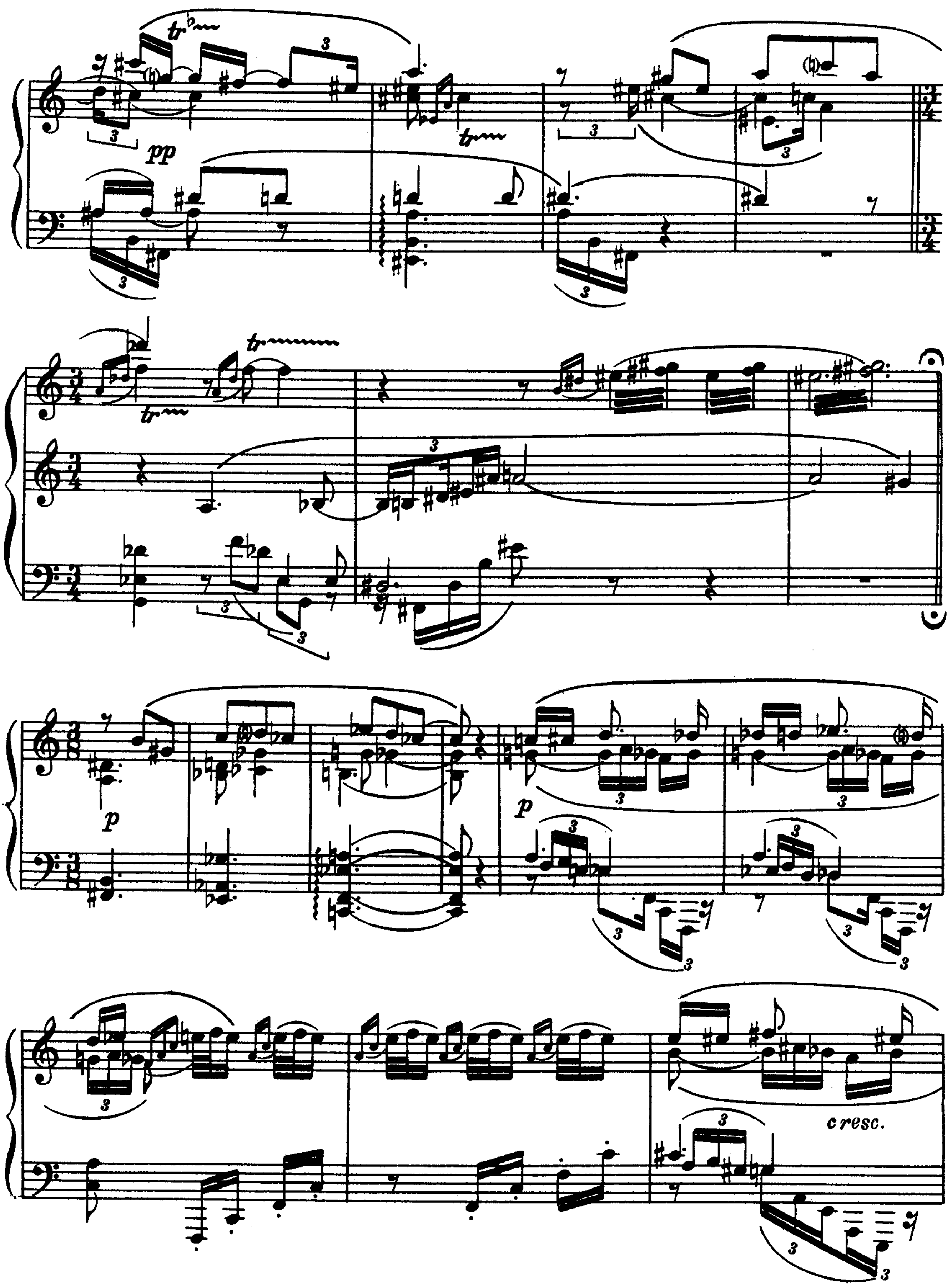
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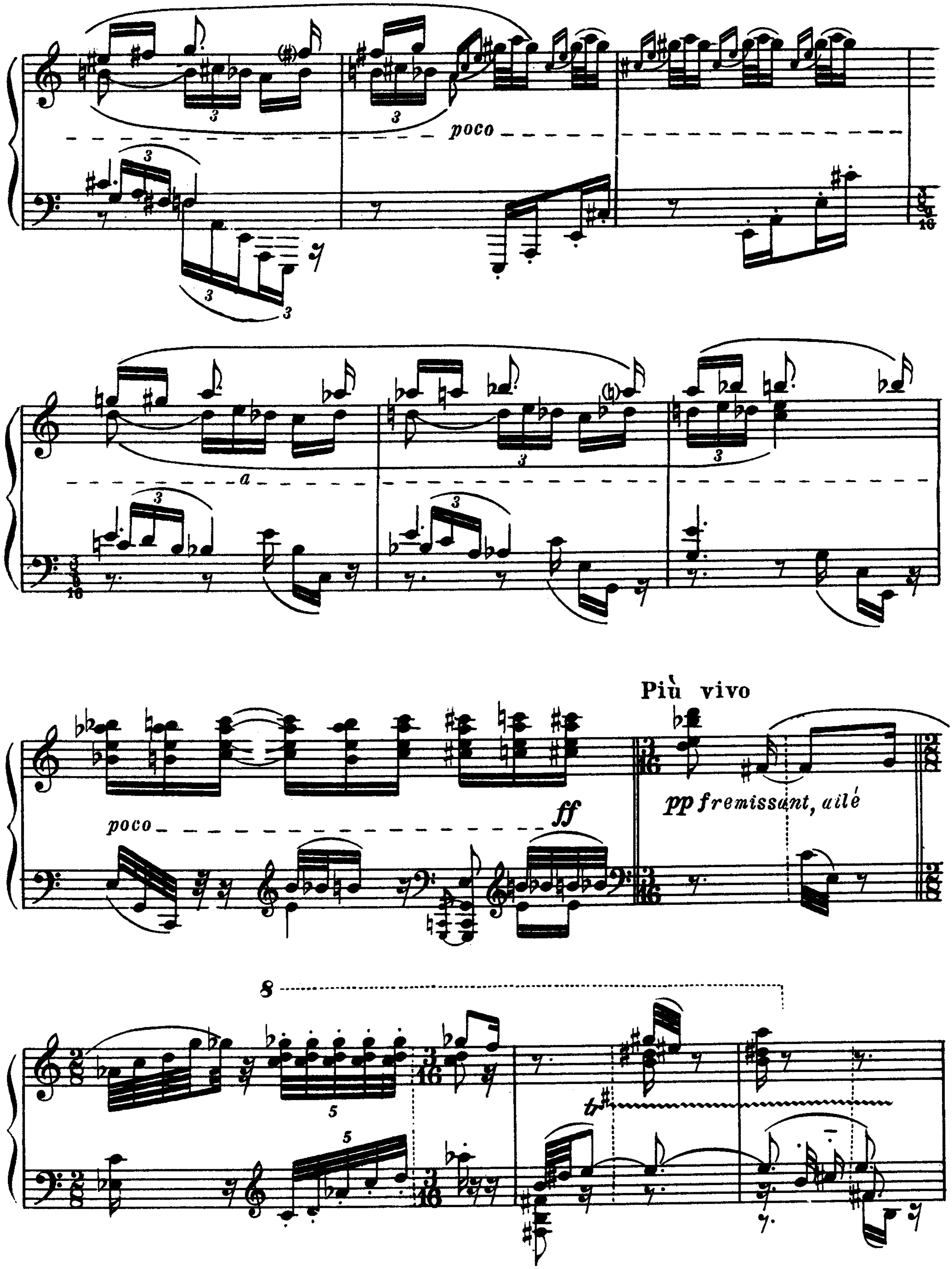
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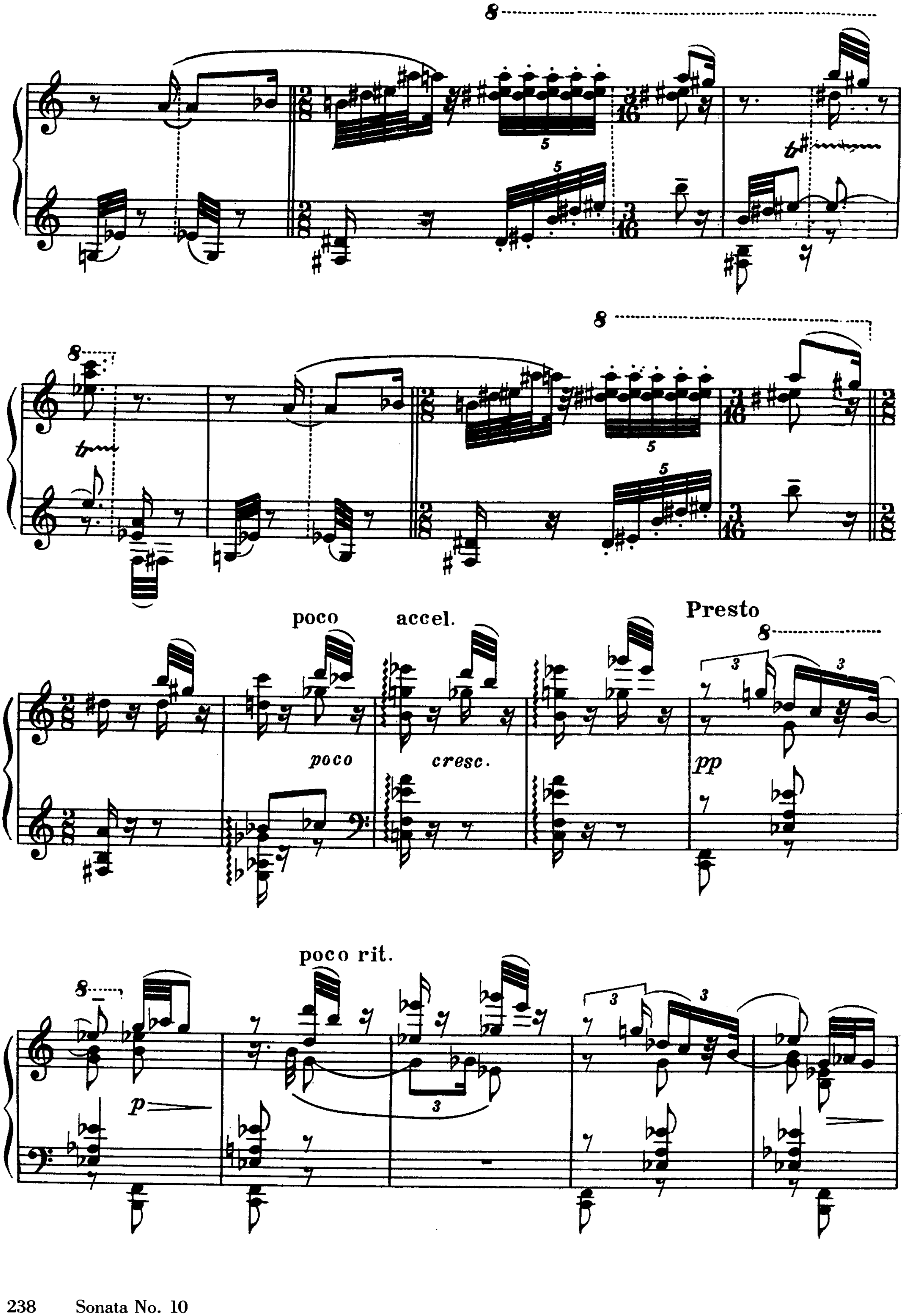
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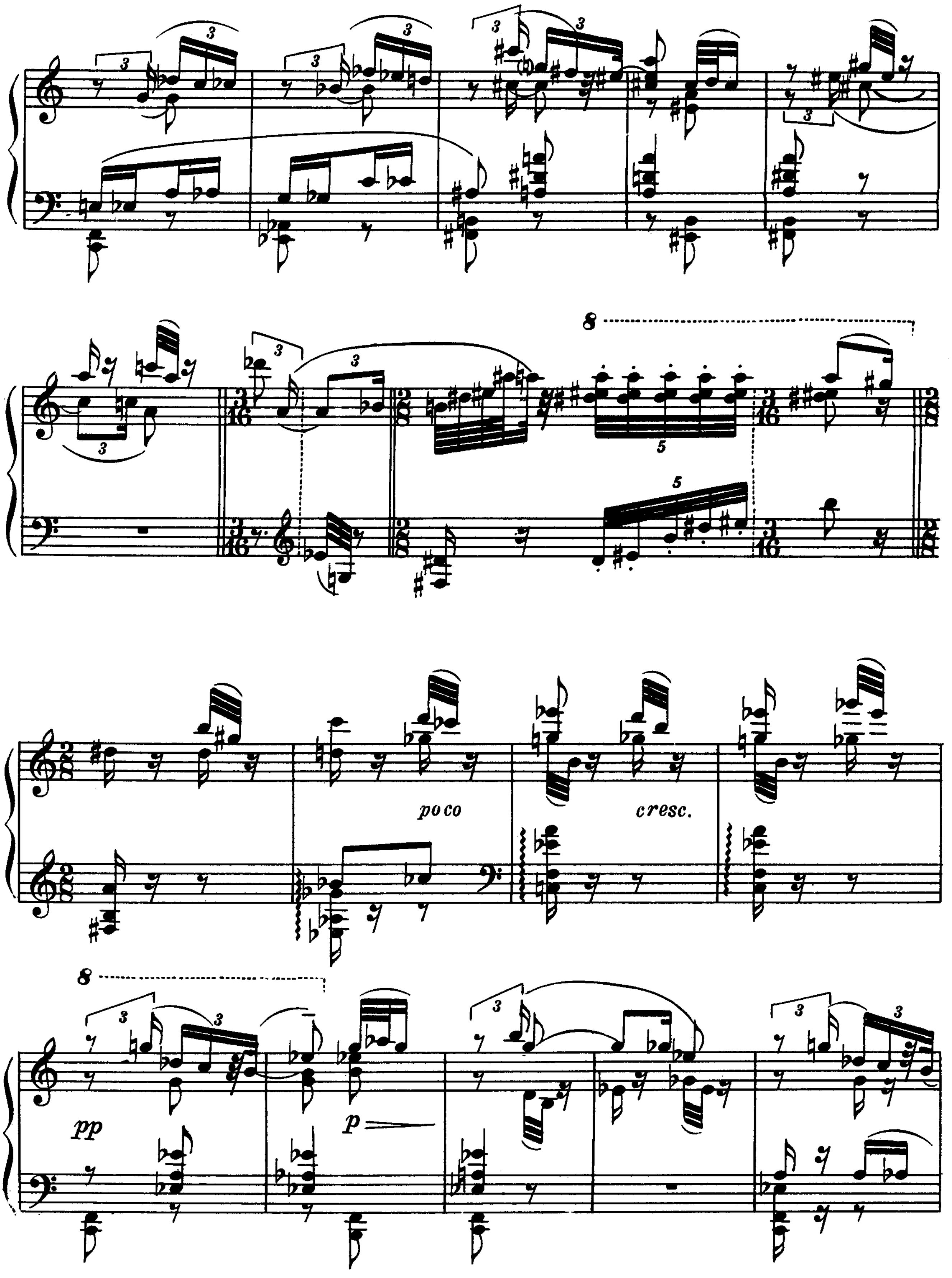
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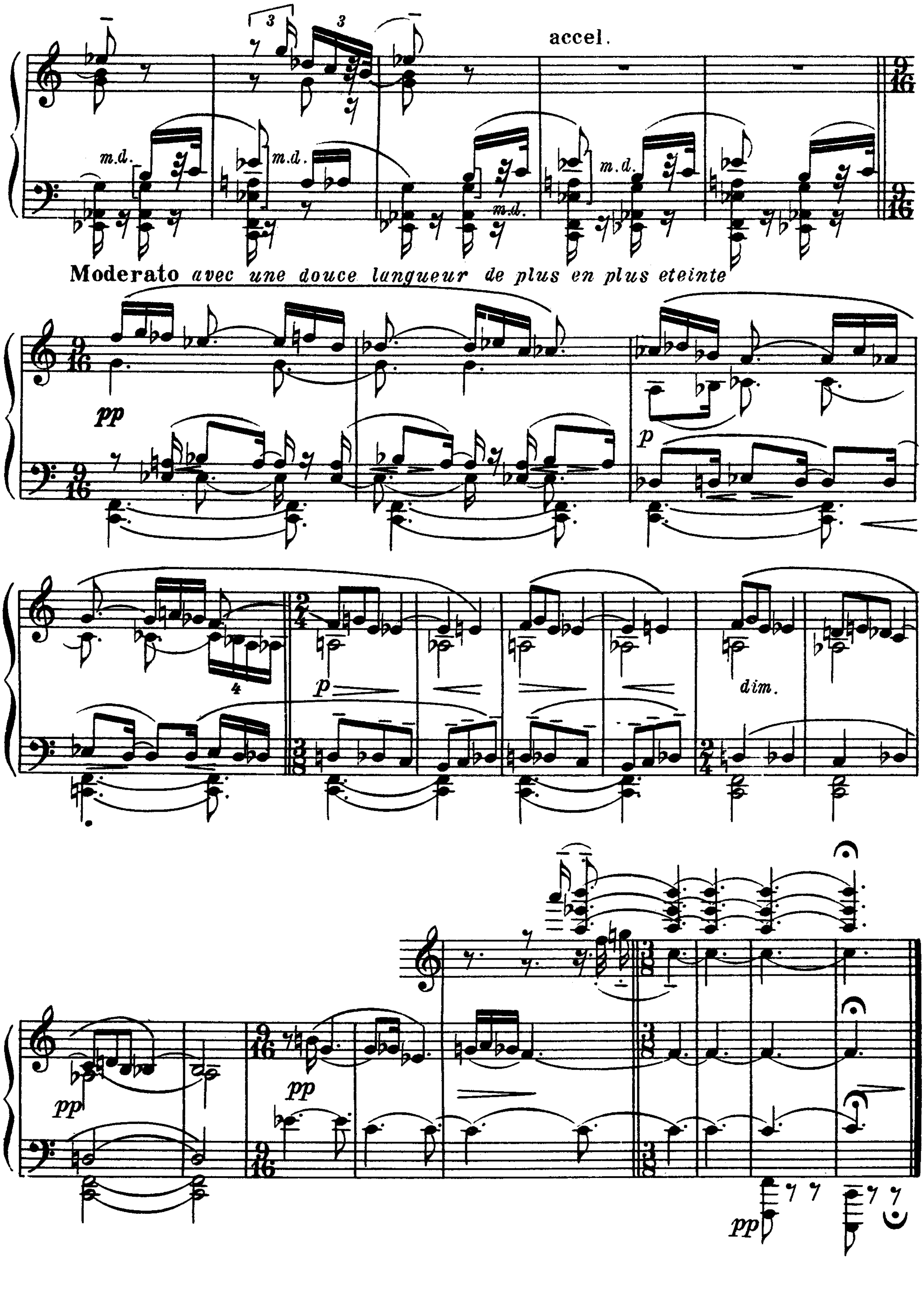
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